Population
Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8,465
The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of 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's Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Additional 32 Units Of Low-Rent Housing Approved

CHURCH MUSICIANS HONORED — The eight women pictured were honored for outstanding service to the music ministry of Boyce Memorial ARP church at Sunday evening worship service. From left to right are Mrs. N. F. McGill, Sr., Mrs. John E. Gamble, Mrs. Garrison Goforth, Miss Frances McGill, Miss Reta Phifer, Mrs. W. Kenneth Crook, Mrs. I. Grady Patterson and Mrs. Martin Harmon. (Herald Photo by I. G. Alexander)

Boyce Memorial Honors Musicians

Appreciation Night Observed; Reception Held

Boyce Memorial ARP church honored eight women for long service to the music ministry of the church at Sunday evening services.

Gifts of silver were presented to Mrs. N. F. McGill, Sr., organist and choir director for 27 years, (1941-68) and Mrs. John E. Gamble, organist and choir director for four yars (1968-72).

Both women have retired. They were also presented appropriate certificates and red roses.

Other women contributing to the music program who were recognized, given certificates and roses, were Mrs. Garrison Goforth, Mrs. W. K. Crook, Mrs. Grady Patterson, Mrs. Martin Harmon, Miss Reta Phifer and Miss Frances McGill.

The surprise awards program was held during a "Music Appreciation" evening worship hour and honorees received with the pastor, Rev. Charles Edwards, and the new music director and organist, Bob Cashion, at a reception after the service in Leila Baird Classroom.

The evening program on the theme, "Faith and the Hymn Writers: Faith and the Poets" was conducted by three readers—Miss Reta Phifer, Miss Carol Goforth and Miss Frances McGill. Bill Moss led the invocation and Paul Fulton was leader. The Carol Choir sang "In Heavenly Love; the Youth Choir sang "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" and the Chancel Choir sang "The Words of the Master" and "Make Me A Blessing."

Mrs. Charles Edwards, Mrs. John C. McGill and Mrs. Paul

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Mini-Park Cost Was $20,025

Cost to Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission for the West Mountain street mini-park was $20,025, including the $14,008 paid for the property and $6017 in construction cost.

Report was made by Gene White, director of Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission.

Only other expense was cost of razing the building which had been condemned as derelict.

Weathers Dies Of Stab Wound

A 26-year-old Kings Mountain Negro, Nezel Weathers, Jr., died at 1 a.m. Sunday in the Kings Mountain hospital following what investigating officers termed a domestic dispute during which he was stabbed once in the left side.

Charged with murder and jailed in Cleveland County Jail without bond is Rosie Lee Chambers, 23.

Detective Bobby Putnam of the county sheriff's department said the stabbing apparently resulted from a domestic dispute at Nezel Weather's home in the Compact Community Saturday afternoon about 5:30. A butcher knife believed to be the weapon used in the slaying has been discovered by the officers.

Weather's who suffered a single stab wound in the left side through the rib cage, underwent three hours of surgery in the Kings Mountain hospital. He died at 1 a.m. Sunday.

Funeral rites for Weathers were conducted Wednesday af-

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Carroll Dies Tuesday Night In Accident

Ernest Leroy Carroll, 47, of 707 Piedmont Avenue, was killed Tuesday night when his pickup truck overturned on Old Kings Mountain Highway near Bessemer City.

Carroll reportedly was returning home from his work at Lithium Corporation at the time of the accident. He was dead on arrival at Kings Mountain Hospital at 7:45 p.m.

State Highway Patrolman D. T. Mendenhall said Carroll was traveling west on Old Kings Mountain Highway about two miles from Bessemer City when he lost control of his truck. Mendenhall said the truck left the road on the right side, traveled about 300 feet and then pulled across the road to the left side.

Mendenhall said Carroll's head was trapped beneath the body of the truck after it came to rest on its right side.

Members of the Kings Mountain and Gaston County Life Saving crews answered the call.

Sisk Funeral Home is in charge of the funeral arangements, which are incomplete pending the arrival of relatives from Connecticut.

He was son of Mrs. Jane Smith Carroll and the late J. T. Carroll.

Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ollie Scruggs Carroll; one daughter, Shirley Carroll of the home; three sons, Kenneth Carroll of the home, David Carroll of Wallingford, Conn. and Michael Carroll of West Haven, Conn.; six sisters, Mrs. Henry Hood of Hollywood, Fla., Mrs. Mae Williams of Norfolk, Conn., Mrs. Leaman Carter of Gastonia, Mrs. Walter England of Rockingham, Mrs. William J. Fletcher of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Bud Ware of Belmont; and four brothers, Grady Carroll of Kings Mountain, John T. Carroll, Jr. of Kannapolis, Douglas Carroll of Spartanburg, S. C. and James W. Carroll of Meridian, Conn. Also surviving are two grandchildren.

Allen Rites Friday At 4

William Earl Allen, 40, of 901 Church street, former taxi operator for Price's Cabs, died Wednesday morning of a heart attack.

Mr. Allen was found by City Policeman Jackie Barrett and Bynum Cooke slumped over the wheel of his automobile at 6 a. m. on Phenix street. He was reportedly enroute to pick up his wife at work when he suffered the attack.

Funeral rites will be conducted Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from East Gold Street Wesleyan church. Rev. Edward Chriscoe and Rev. Paul Lanning will officiate, and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Allen, who had suffered a heart ailment for a number of years, was disabled. He was a member of First Freewill Bap-

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Ervin, Former Resident, Drowns After Rescuing Wife, Daughters

Jerry Devon Ervin, 30, of Wiltain, drowned Sunday near Wilmington after he pulled his wife and two daughters to safety after their motorboat capsized in the waters of Fort Fisher.

The Ervin family had joined another couple on a boating trip and Ervin apparently had returned to the water to check on his companions.

Mrs. Ervin, the former Wanda Ivie of Shelby, and their two daughters, Dee and Vickie, were taken to the shore by Ervin. A third daughter, four-weeks-old Brigette Ervin, was at home.

Funeral rites for Ervin were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday from Oleander Chapel of Coble's Funeral Home in Wilmington with the Rev. W. H. White, Jr. and Rev. Vernon Moore officiating. Interment was in Winter Park cemetery.

Ervin was also the nephew of U. S. Senator Sam Ervin.

Also surviving are his father, Otis D. Ervin of Richland; one brother, Sammy Ervin of Bolivia; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Ervin of Richmond.

The Ervins moved to Wilmington in January from Kings Mountain. Both had been employed here at Carolina Throwing Company. Mrs. Ervin, niece of Mrs. Madge H. Arrowood of Kings Mountain, is daughter of Luther Ivie of Shelby and Mrs. Doris Moore of the Mt. Paran community near Blacksburg. The Ervins returned Tuesday night with Mrs. Moore and her husband, Dever Moore, to the Mount Paran community.

Commission Buys Parcel For CBD

Former S & L Building Bought; Price Is $9750

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission has acquired from the D. M. Morrison Estate the building at the corner of West Mountain and Cherokee streets the building now occupied by Triangle Loan Company, it was announced by Carl F. Mauney, commission chairman.

Purchase price was $9750.

The building was owned and occupied by Home Savings & Loan Association until the association built its new and present offices at 106 East Mountain. The building subsequently was sold to the late Dr. D. M. Morrison.

The corner lot fronts 20 feet on West Mountain and 51 feet on Cherokee.

It is the 11th of 42 parcels acquired by the commission for the central business district redevelopment project.

The building is scheduled for razing for commercial redevelopment along with adjacent buildings owned by the B. S. Peeler and Ruth C. Thomasson Estates.

Gene White, redevelopment commission director, said razing of the building will await acquisition of the Peeler-Thomasson properties.

Assault, Murder Hearings Today

Preliminary hearings involving several area citizens are slated for today (Thursday) in 27th Judicial District Court in Shelby.

Rosie Lee Chambers, 23, charged in the slaying of Nezel Weathers, Jr., 26, of the Compact Community, will be given a preliminary hearing on a charge of murder. Mrs. Chambers was jailed without bond.

Michael Steve Lee, 30, of Kings Mountain, charged with assault with intent to commit rape, will face a preliminary hearing today. Lee is free under $1,000 bond.

Three Appointed To Committee

Luther Bennett, Howard Shipp and Ira Falls have been appointed to a new city housing committee in accordance with state Code of Ordinances of Housing and the Southern States Building Code.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the three-member committee will have as a principal function coordination with the city codes enforcement officer in administration of state and area codes relating to housing.

Specifically, the Mayor said, the committee will hear appeals from the enforcement officer's condemnation rulings.

PRESIDENT — George W. Mauney has been re-elected president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees for the coming year.

Hospital Board Re-elects Mauney

George W. Mauney, executive of Kings Mountain Bonded Warehouse, was re-elected president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees at the recent annual meeting.

Mr. Mauney and Rev. S. T. Cooke, Negro minister, were also reappointed to five year terms on the hospitals board of trustees. Both terms were up for re-election.

Other officers are George H Houser, vice-president, and Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer. Both Mr. Houser and Mr. Tate were re-elected.

Other members of the hospital board are John L. McGill, Carl F. Mauney, Harry E. Page, James Harry, Hugh D. Ormand, and Robert E. Hambright. Grady K. Howard is hospital administrator.

Campbells To Convention

Rev. M. L. Campbell, Negro minister and agriculture teacher at Kings Mountain high school, is attending his first Democratic National Convention as alternate delegate from Cleveland County.

Rev. and Mrs. Campbell left via train Saturday and will return home on Friday night.

Jack Palmer, of Shelby, Democratic nominee to the board of county commissioners, and Mrs. Palmer are also in Miami. Mr. Palmer is one of 64 full-fleged delegates from North Carolina.

Also attending the convention from this area is Dr. Eugene Poston, of Boiling Springs, president of Gardner Webb college, who will on Friday become one of two national committeemen serving from North Carolina.

Dr. Poston is aiso attending his first Democratic national convention.

100-Unit Project Cost Estimate Is $1,845,119

Program reservation for an additional 32 units of public housing was announced Wednesday by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, United States Representative James T. Broyhill informed city and Kings Mountain public housing officials Wednesday.

Sixty-eight units — against an original 100-unit application — had been previously approved.

Total estimated cost of the 100-unit project is $1,845,119.

The program reservation calls for the units to be constructed on several sites is for construction under the "convertional" public housing formula first enacted by Congress, whereby the role of the federal government is endorsement of re-payment of of housing authority bonds.

It is the same law under which Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority built its first 150 units.

Amendments to the law by the 1968 Congress added to the original act several other methods of providing housing, including a lease arrangement where units are constructed by private builders and leased to the housing authority. Kings Mountain Housing Authority operates 50 units under lease.

"The additional 32 units now approved means the whole project is firm. We're in business," Thomas W. Harper, director, commented.

He said the architects, Tomberlin Associates of Atlanta, already are at work on the project.

The Tomberlin firm designed the initial 150-unit project.

Center Service Break-In Being Investigated

Kings Mountain police are investigating a break-in which occured last Wednesday night at Center Service on York Road.

According to police, Clyde Whetstine, manager of the store, reported the incident early Thursday morning.

Whetstine reported the following items missing: three television sets, several radios, tape decks adn tape players.

Officers Richard Reynolds and Donald Ivey investigated.

Whites' Jerry Has New Home

By MARTIN HARMON

A brief item in last week's Herald headlined "Whites Need Home for Pet Poodle" got results —almost too much.

The Gene White family had a new cat in the family, which had brewed a family fight between the feline arrival and Jerry, the miniature French poodle. The youngsters had decided they wanted to keep the cat.

The Herald story said merely what the headline said.

The first caller was invited to claim Jerry and she did, for free, as the Whites meant to give the poodle away all the while.

Tuesday there had been more than 50, Mr. White says) continued to come.

Several callers wanted to buy the dog.

A lady offered a genuine Siamese cat in trade.

With one lady caller, Mrs. White used an unfortunate choice of words, replying, "No, the dog has been disposed of."

No more than a minute had elapsed when the same lady was again on the wire, asking irately, "Did you have that dog killed?"

Another caller, a man, wanted to know, "But how much did you GET for the dog?" And he indicated much doubt at the reply the poodle had been a gift to the new owner.

And the new owner got a double bargain. She had noticed the doghouse when claiming her gift, called the following day to inquire about the house. She was invited to claim it too, all for free, and did.

Alas!

The Whites didn't learn the name of Jerry's new owner.

429 Eligible Voters Have Signed Petition For School Bond Election

The Kings Mountain City Schools system needs only 58 more names to have enough to call for a $2.5 million bond issue.

Superintendent Don Jones said Wednesday afternoon that school principals and other officials have secured 429 names. He said 487 names, or one-tenth of the eligible voters in the school district, are needed.

Jones said some principals are still circulating petitions but added that "we should be through gathering names by Friday. We set a goal of 60 names for each principal and several have already secured that many."

Jones said he would submit the petition to the Cleveland County Board of Education at its monthly meeting on August 7. The County board would then submit it to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

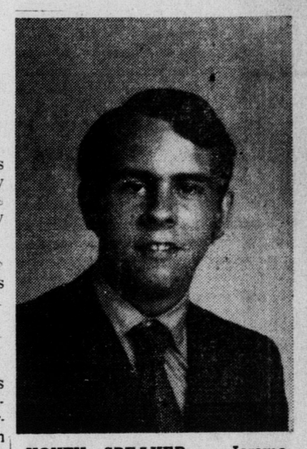
The local bond issue calls for $2.5 million for the purpose of building a new junior high school adjacent to the present Kings Mountain High School plant. The school would house approximately 1,000 students and would be approximately the same type building as the high school.

Also included in the plans are improvements at several elementary schools and an auditorium to be built in front of the teachers' parking lot at the high school.

December 9 has been set aside as the date for the bond election.

Roscoe Wooten Is City PW Foreman

Gastonia Man Assumed Duties Here On Monday



YOUTH SPEAKER — Jerome Cash will fill the pulpit at "Youth Night for Christ" Sunday night at Bethlehem Baptist church.

Roscoe Wooten assumed duties Monday as foreman of the city public works department, it was announced by Mayor John Henry Moss.

Mr. Wooten, in engineering work for the past ten years, has recently served as assistant chief engineer and field engineer for Jenkins Metal Products, Inc., Gastonia.

Previously he had served as mechanical designer for Technical Products Associates, of Charlotte, and before that had been with Public Service of North Carolina, Inc., the Gastonia-based natural gas utility, working in the metering, regulating and gas line installation service department.

Mr. Wooten is a navy veteran.

Mrs. Wooten is the former Louise Kurrle.

They have three children, Roscoe Wooten, Jr., Michael Wesley Wooten, and Teresa Eileen Wooten.

Mr. Wooten is a member of Chapel Grove Baptist church. Mrs. Wooten is a member of St. Michael's Catholic church.

Aims Listed For Retarded

Aims of the Cleveland County Association for Retarded Children were outlined by Rev. Frank Shirley, president, to members of the Kings Mountain Lions Club Tuesday night.

Principal among them are a program which will provide a "supervised workshop" for the retarded when they reach 18—an age when their all-time schooling under current programs ends.

Specifically, Rev. Mr. Shirley told the Lions, are these other immediate aims:

1) Increase of public understanding of the problems and potentials of the retarded.

2) Information centers to aid families with retarded children, and 3) more opportunities and facilities for the retarded, including a day-care center for preschoolers ages 1 to 6 and a summer day care camp.

President Shirley, commenting on litigation against the State of North Carolina, said the goal is equal educational opportunity for the retarded.

"The state wanted eight years, which the associations (state and local) think too long," President Shirley commented. He said a comparable action was filed in Pennsylvania and won.

Particular emphasis is aimed at the group of trainable retarded, those with intelligence quotients in the 30-50 range and unable to attend the public schools and do the educable retarded with a 50-75 IQ range.

The Cleveland County unit was formed last September.

Memberships from individuals are invited at $5 per year.

Cash To Preach At Youth Night

Jerome Cash, rising senior at Kings Mountain high school, will fill the pulpit on "Youth Night for Christ" services Sunday night at Bethlehem Baptist church.

Cash, who plans to enter the ministry, will deliver his first sermon at 7:30 p.m. Young people will lead the worship service.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cash of 1415 Shelby road.

Members of the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department and the fire department's women auxiliary will be recognized during the service. Parents of young Cash are active in these organizations.

Young Cash is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Greene and Melvin Cash and the late Mrs. Cash.

"We invite the entire community to worship with us in this special youth night service", said Rev. Russell Fitts, pastor. Young Cash said, "We the people of Bethlehem community feel this is a great opportunity to bring many people to Christ."

City To Buy New Equipment

The city commission Monday night voted to advertise for bids for a combination accounting-utility billing machine for the city clerk's office and for a truck and garbage packer for the sanitation department to be received at the Aug. 14th meeting. Both items are included in the proposed 1972-73 budget.

Explaining the need for a new billing machine to replace the city's old model, Clerk Joe McDaniel said the machine now in use is such an antique the parts are "hard to come by and we've probably been finding them at a junk yard somewhere."

Comm. Ray Cline quipped: "I'll think about the junk yard next time I get my light bill from the city" and made the motion to approve buying of the new equipment.

Board Session Features Hearings; Dilling Property Re-Zoned By 5-1

Major portions of Monday night's regular 90 minute commission meeting was devoted to public hearings — a total of three — on a rezoning matter and street improvements.

The board, by vote of 5-1 and over objections of one property owner, Paul Ham, and City Comm. W. S. Biddix, rezoned two tracts of land on York Road.

In other public hearings several citizens spoke in favor of preliminary resolutions on curb and gutter for Maner road.

Ward II Commissioner W. S. Biddix, who voted "no," said he agreed with the zoning board's recommendation to rezone the two tracts rather than "spot zone" but he was personally against rezoning the property." Mr. Biddix owns property on Owens Street. Mr. Dilling's new building will be located at the corner of Owens and 410 York road.

Motion to rezone from R-8 to general business for the purpose of constructing a new building for Dilling Heating Company was made by Ward V Comm. Jonas Bridges who added he was also in sympathy with Paul Ham, of 607 Floyd street, who objected to the rezoning because proximity of his home to existing industries was causing him "trouble enough." Mr. Ham's home is located across the street from Oxford Industries.

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