

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, 1965, and includes the 14,950 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Eighty-Fourth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Record \$3,945,292 Budget Tentatively Adopted

Retired Principal Died Thursday



PRESIDENT — Dr. William Pressley Jenkins, Kings Mountain native, has been elected president of the alumni association of Central Wesleyan college.

Central Alumni Taps Jenkins

Dr. William Pressley Jenkins, of Walhalla, South Carolina, was elected president of the alumni association of Central Wesleyan college at the annual alumni banquet in May.

Dr. Jenkins graduated from CWC in 1936 with the Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and from the Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee in 1941 with the degree of Doctor of Optometry. Dr. Jenkins is a partner in the firm of Drs. Bell, Watson and Jenkins, P. A.

President Jenkins is a charter member of the Walhalla Seroma club; member Lions Club International, member American Optometric Association and member of the S. C. Optometric Association. He is a visual consultant to the Connee county school system; member Connee county school health advisory council, business manager of CWC yearbook, 1964-65; president student body CWC 1955-56; member board of administration Walhalla Wesleyan church; authored a paper entitled "Increasing Age and Its Relationship to Color Vision" which was presented to the American Academy of Optometry.

Dr. Jenkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luco Jenkins of Kings Mountain and is married to the former Miss Linda Moore of Anderson, South Carolina.

Mrs. Condry's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia DeBrew Condry, 83, of 418 South Candler street, were conducted Monday afternoon at 3 p. m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. Robert Allen officiated at the final rites.

Mrs. Condry, widow of Lonnie M. Condry, died Saturday night at 7:30 in Kings Mountain hospital. She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Surviving are her son, Lloyd Condry of Columbia, S. C.; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Hill and Mrs. Gaither Ledbetter, both of Kings Mountain; a half-brother, Clyde Moore of Shelby; two half-sisters, Mrs. Marion Price of Shelby and Mrs. Avery Slater of Caneville, S. C.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Park Yarn Mills Raises Wages; General Hike In Johnston Mills

A. Neal Thompson, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, of Johnston Mills Co., announced today that a general wage increase will go into effect July 13, 1973 for all hourly paid and production workers.

Johnston Mills Co. has seven plants: Worth Spinning, located

Wife of Former Mayor Teacher For 52 Years

Funeral rites for Mrs. Irma Willeford Thomson, 81, wife of Joe Thomson, were conducted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from First Presbyterian church of which she was a member.

Her pastor, Dr. Paul Ausley, officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Thomson, in ill health for some time, died Thursday afternoon in the Kings Mountain hospital.

She was a native of Kings Mountain, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bennett R. Willeford.

A teacher for 51 years, she was a retired principal of East Elementary school. She was a member of the Colonel Frederick Hambrick chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Kings Mountain Woman's club and Thursday Afternoon Book club.

Her husband has been associated with Neisler Brothers for a number of years.

Surviving are her husband, and two sisters, Mrs. Grady W. King and Mrs. J. C. Nickels, both of Kings Mountain.

Active pallbearers were C. E. Neisler III, Charles Neisler, J. A. Neisler Jr., Harry Page, Hall Goforth and H. R. Hunnicutt.

KIWANIS CLUB
J. C. Atkinson, chairman of the Boys and Girls Work Committee of the Kiwanis club will present the program at Thursday night's meeting of the Kiwanis club.

Music Festival Attracts Stars

A three-day country music festival highlighting some of the top name stars in country music is coming to Crossroads Music Park this weekend.

Conway Twitty, Del Reeves, Peggy Sue and Sonny Wright, and others, will make appearances in what has been termed the "biggest country music festival in the southeast."

The event will begin Friday and continue through Sunday. Special talent show will be held between performances by the country music stars and the talent winners will receive an all expense paid trip to Nashville and a guest spot on the Wilburn Brothers television show. Last year's talent winners, the Radford Sisters, will be one of the featured groups.

Other performers on hand will be Tony Farr, The Carolina Chapparels, The Wagon Wheelers Square Dancers, The Sugarloaf Ramblers and others.

Admission is \$3.50 Friday, \$4.50 Saturday and \$5.50 Sunday or \$10 for a three day ticket. Children under 12 will be admitted for \$1 per day.

CITY COMMISSION
The city commission will conduct its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday night at 7:30. Among items on the agenda is a public hearing on a street improvement assessment on a street for Henry and Pineview streets and for Ellenwood drive.

ed at Stony Point, N. C. Spinners Processing in Spindale, N. C., Park Yarn in Kings Mountain, Eastern Manufacturing Co., Selma, N. C., Johnston Mills Co. in Mineral Springs, N. C., Johnston Mills Co. in Monroe, N. C., and Johnston Mills Co., Charlotte, with a total employment of 1,500 employees.



ROSS SPRINGER



REBECCA A. SUMMITT

Miss Summitt Wins Degree

Two Kings Mountain area students won degrees in recent commencement exercises.

Ross A. Springer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Springer of Grover, received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned an ensign in the navy after graduating from the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

He is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

Rebecca A. Summitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Summitt, has graduated Magna Cum Laude from Appalachian State University with a B. S. in health and physical education.

Miss Summitt was a Dean's list student, a member of Alpha Chi honor society and was a awarded Honor Teacher in her student teaching.

Mrs. Goforth's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lizzie Hambrick Goforth, 80, were conducted Monday afternoon at 5 p. m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Dr. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner-Webb college, officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Goforth, widow of Clarence P. Goforth, succumbed Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in Green Manor Rest Home, Lumberton. She had been in ill health for several months.

She was a native of Cleveland county, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hambrick and a descendant of Colonel Frederick Hambrick, Revolutionary War hero at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Coley of Red Springs; her stepdaughter, Mrs. Robert S. Jenkins of Shelby; her stepson, P. C. Goforth of Kings Mountain and one brother, D. D. Hambrick of Shelby.

RELIGIOUS FILM
Groups of young people may receive reduced rates to see "The Cross and the Switchblade" at Central Theatre in downtown Gastonia by calling 865-1921 and by picking up tickets in advance. This movie is especially recommended for young people, said a spokesman.

City's Long - Term Budget \$375,153

Utility Building, Streets, Sewer On Capital List

The city has budgeted \$375,153.65 for capital improvements for the new fiscal year.

Major items, in addition to street paving and sewer improvements, include a new public works building.

Items by department:
Water Department: 16,000 feet of water lines, 25 fire hydrants, additional meters

Sewer Department: backhoe loader, truck, dump truck and paving machine.

Electric Department: bucket truck.

Gas Department: safety and protective equipment;

Sanitation Department: new garbage-packer truck and containers and additional trash truck.

Cemetery Department: mowing machine and earth mover.

Administrative Department: a copying machine.

Police Department: four patrol cars.

Fire Department, safety equipment and respirator.

General Department, new public works building and urban beautification signs.

Recreation Department, acoustic work at the community center and mini-parks.

Thieves Make Antiques Haul

Over \$1,500 worth of antiques were stolen Monday night from the home of a Kings Mountain man who was buried that afternoon.

According to Det. Paul Barbee of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, thieves entered the home of the late Rufus Ware, 82, of Route 3 and stole one antique washstand, one antique organ valued at \$500, a picture frame valued at \$50, two antique eight-day clocks, one full length oval mirror with carved frame on a stand, three kerosene lamps, one tire shrinker for an old fashioned buggy, carriage and wagon wheels, one anvil, one antique dresser with a mirror, and one pair of hand-made lead knuckles.

According to Barbee, relatives gathered at the home Tuesday for the reading of the late Mr. Ware's will only to find that many of the items listed had been stolen.

Barbee reported that the relatives had been to the home late Monday afternoon and saw the antiques. Barbee said Monday night, someone broke a window to gain entry into the house, backed a truck up to the back door and stole the antiques.

Barbee reported the tire tracks were still fresh when he arrived Tuesday morning. He said the thieves knew their antiques as other valuable items such as a television set and modern appliances were not taken.

Redevelopment Commission Razes Five Dwellings In Cansler Project

Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission has razed five dwellings in the Cansler renewal project area.

Cash Brothers are doing the demolition work.

Houses razed include the former home of Mrs. Mary Cole at 109 North City street, the former Samuel Eugene Ware residence on South Railroad, the former Mrs. Eugenia Brown residence at 401 West King street, and two dwellings formerly owned by Aundria Small at 205 West Ridge street.

The project envisions eventual demolition of 186 dwellings in the Cansler project area.



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Parker Heads Kiwanis Club

Other new officers are Marvin Teer, first vice-president; Shuford Peeler, second vice-president; Lewis Dellinger, immediate past president; Don W. Blanton, secretary; John L. McGill, treasurer; and Lyn Cheshire, assistant treasurer.

Newly-elected directors are Glee Bridges, J. C. Bridges, John Cheshire, III, William R. Grisom, Donald D. Jones, David L. Mauney and Gene White.



LEADS REVIVAL — Rev. Bill Leist, pastor of Olney Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, will be guest evangelist for revival services June 24-29 at Dixon Presbyterian Church.

Dixon Revival Begins Sunday

Rev. William A. Leist, pastor of Olney Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, will be guest evangelist for revival services June 24-29 at Dixon Presbyterian Church.

Services will be at 7:30 nightly. Youth night is Thursday, June 28. Jerome Cash of Kings Mountain will be the featured speaker.

Park Dedication Friday Morning

Dedicatory ceremonies of the city's Senior Citizens Park will be held at 10:30 Friday morning at the park on West Mountain street.

Among those present will be former Mayor Kelly Dixon, Mayor John Henry Moss, Carl F. Mauney, other officials of the redevelopment commission, and Mrs. Paul Mauney and Mrs. Paul E. Hendricks, both of whom have been active in the senior citizens program of the Woman's Club.

TAXI PERMIT GRANTED
The city commission Monday night approved waiver in granting request from Mark Steve McNeely for a taxi permit to operate a taxi for Dixie Cab.

\$459,644 Hike; Ad Valorem Tax Rate Same

The city commission Monday night tentatively adopted a 1973-74 budget of \$3,945,292.25 and tentatively set an ad valorem tax rate of 85 cents per \$100 valuation, same rate for the tenth consecutive year.

Of the 85 cents, five cents is the special tax for the recreation program. The budget estimate is up

\$459,644.57 over last year's budget of \$3,485,647.68, an increase in all city departments.

Mayor John Henry Moss said in presenting the proposed budget that it provides for a continuing program of progress and service, wage and salary increase all employees with exception of of approximately five percent for the mayor and six ward commissioners.

It is the sixth consecutive year city government has made "cost of living" raises. The increases in the city departments provide for capital improvements throughout the city.

Mayor Moss termed the budget "a very realistic one" and said key to the city's budgeting process is its "continued development of revenue producing utilities."

He termed the budget, expected to be formally adopted July 9th, "conservative" and said a lot of work had gone into its development. "Holding the budget to a close line and maintaining the tax rate helps us to extend even better service in fiscal year 1973-74."

REVENUE
The big revenue items anticipated are: electric and power system, \$1,014,000; natural gas system, \$800,500; and water and sewer system, \$430,000;

Powell Aid funds are anticipated at \$120,800; and from Cleveland County sales taxes, are expected to bring into the treasury \$105,500. Current taxes are estimated at \$144,700. General revenue sharing will account for \$97,036.

EXPENDITURES
In addition to capital outlay, the following expenditures are anticipated:

Totals for various funds with last year's total in parenthesis are as follows:

Water and Sewer System, \$191,990 (\$170,490); Electric and Power System, \$760,000 (\$667,800); Natural Gas System, \$583,175 (\$501,900); and Due Other Funds, \$709,335 (\$686,310);

General Fund: Cemetery Department \$26,662.50 (\$21,500); Administrative Department \$72,950 (\$65,215); Sanitary Department, \$119,900 (\$101,000); Street Department, \$177,055 (\$167,000); Police Department, \$205,041.72 (\$187,229); Fire Department, \$56,545 (\$50,100); and General Department, \$259,350 (\$220,185).

Debt Service Fund: Bond Principal Payments, \$170,000 (\$170,000); Bond Interest Payments, \$184,350 (\$193,500); Fiscal Agency Fees, \$673 (\$666.25).

Scheduled capital improvements are expected to cost \$375,153.65. Last year's figure in this category was \$230,801.43.

Recreation Funds: For recreation operation, \$52,511 (\$51,921). Bonded indebtedness was less this year "because the city owes less" explained the mayor as he read each item of the budget ordinance to the board.

The budget remains on file in the city clerk's office for public inspection.

Philpot Crusade Prelude Includes Weekend Rites At Three Churches

A weekend of activities in preparation for the July Philpot crusade is being held at three churches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the C. O. C.

Back to Bethel Day will be observed at Boyce Memorial A.M.E. church Saturday. All ministers and wives are invited from 9 to 12 noon and all laymen and lay women of the community are invited from 12 noon until 3 p. m. and invited to bring a "bag" lunch with cold drinks and coffee to be supplied by the host congregation. Guest speaker for the afternoon will be Miss Bertha Smith, who served for 40 years as a missionary to China. Miss Smith is author of the book, "Go Home and Tell."

Macedonia Baptist church will host an area-wide prayer meeting Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 5:30 p. m.

Leaders for the service will be Rev. Alfred Wright, Kings Mountain native now of Gastonia. Persons attending are encouraged to memorize the key verse II Chronicles 7:14.

Rev. Bobby McFall, director of the Ford Philpot Crusade will be the guest speaker at Monday night's spiritual preparation by at 7:30 p. m. at Grace United Methodist church.

All citizens of the community are invited to attend all three services. The Greater Kings Mountain Ford Philpot spiritual crusade will be sponsored in July at the Community Center by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.



DAY CAMPERS — The Kings Mountain recreation department's day camp program has attracted dozens of children, including these two who were caught by photographer as they fired a round of miniature golf. Day camp activities have also included swimming, softball and various other outdoor activities. (Gary Stewart photo).

Review Scheduled Of McKee Failing

Privilege License Schedule Approved

The city commission Monday night adopted the same privilege license tax schedule for fiscal 1973-74 with four additions:

- 1) battery and tire service, \$2.50 tax.
- 2) promoter tax, \$10.
- 3) pest exterminator, tax \$10.
- 4) sign painting and repair, tax \$3.

Cline: Some Bowling Prospect

Comm. Ray Cline, chairman of the city's bowling committee to study possibility of continuing bowling in town, told the city commission Monday night he had "some prospects but nothing definite to report."

Mountain Lanes, the present bowling facility, is being razed in early July in connection with downtown renewal.

In other action, the board: 1) referred to the zoning board a request from Dr. Craig S. Jones to rezone lots on Juniper and King streets from R-O to neighborhood business.

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Absences More Than Maximum Of 15 Semester

The Kings Mountain District Schools board of education Monday night voted against changing its absenteeism policy but asked for a teacher-principal review of records of Patricia McKee.

The student's mother, Mrs. Howard McKee, appeared before the board charging that her daughter was given a failing grade in English because she missed 17 days in one semester.

The absence rule states that a student automatically fails if he misses more than 15 days in one semester.

Mrs. McKee stated that her daughter was sick those 17 days and made up her work, thus, she should have been given a passing grade.

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