

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, 1966, and includes the 14,990 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



ELECTIONS BOARD — Magistrate J. Lee Roberts, second from right, swore in new members of the city elections board Wednesday at City Hall. The members are, left to right, Mrs. Jack Mercier, Brooks Tate and M. L. Campbell.

School Debt Consolidation Election Likely October 6

Corollary Bond Vote Expected For County Unit

Cleveland County commissioners Monday adopted a "let's cross that bridge when we come to it" attitude on Kings Mountain's Board of Education request for state Literacy Fund loans for completion of current construction projects but gave its unanimous approval to consolidating the school debts of the three county school districts.

Kings Mountain had suggested to the commissioners that Kings Mountain should have literacy loans—if needed—since the county's other two districts had already secured such loans.

Supt. Don Jones said that even though the commissioners took the stand that they did, he doesn't foresee any problems should Kings Mountain need a loan.

"I've talked to the commissioners since," he said, "and they are all in sympathy with us on our possible need for a loan. They're willing to work with us and I don't anticipate any problems."

The commissioners have applied to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh for permission to hold an election to consolidate the school debts. The election date will probably be in early October.

All three county school units earlier passed proposals to consolidate the debts but expressed disapproval of any consolidation of administrations.

In its proposal, the Kings Mountain board listed two separate requests:

- 1) That the system should receive loans, if needed, since the other systems had already secured such loans, and
- 2) That some equalization should be made in the fact that Kings Mountain would have built up an escrow fund in its debt service account that is larger than the escrow of the other two systems.

Pedestrian Walk Work Underway

Workmen are digging the foundation for footings for the wall for Kings Mountain's second pedestrian walkway on Battleground Avenue to be styled like the Senior Citizens Park on West Mountain street.

John Hall, project manager for the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, said brick is on order and delivery is expected next week.

A 20-foot walkway permitting access from the rear of stores on Battleground Avenue to the front is projected. The brick wall will be constructed beside of Roses.

Construction time is estimated at three months or less, weather permitting. Kelly Dixon is project superintendent and Crawford Murphy is architect.

CITY BOARD MEETING
Regular meeting of the city board of commissioners will be held Monday night at 7:30 at City Hall.

Back To School For Teacher Monday

Kings Mountain school teachers begin work Monday under the state's new 10-month teacher employment policy.

Supt. Don Jones said the system's faculty is complete. Orientation day for students is August 22. The first full school day is August 23.

Hal D. Hicks City Foreman

Hal D. Hicks, for more than 33 years yard foreman at Elmer Lumber Company, recently joined the City of Kings Mountain as foreman of the sanitation department and city garage.

Mr. Hicks is a member of Central United Methodist church and his wife is the former Thelma McDaniel. They have a daughter, Mrs. June Vance, of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks live at 204 Juniper street.

Plato Bennett's Rites Thursday

Funeral services for Plato William Bennett, 48, of Charlotte, will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Sisk Funeral Home by the Rev. Jerry Grigg. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A former resident of Kings Mountain, Mr. Bennett was the son of Mrs. Mary Davis Bennett Phipps and the late Ben L. Bennett.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine H. Bennett, of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. Hugh Davis and Mrs. Carl Davis, both of Kings Mountain; and one brother, Joe Davis of Kings Mountain.

TRANSFERRED

Mrs. Annie Jolly was transferred yesterday to Shelby Convalescent Home, 401 North Morgan street, where she is a patient in Room 43. Mrs. Jolly has been hospitalized at Kings Mountain hospital for several weeks following a stroke.

Annual Bethware Fair Barbecue Wednesday; Event In September

Twenty-sixth annual Bethware Progressive club barbecue honoring Bethware Fair patrons and advertisers in the premium catalog will be held Wednesday from 5 until 7:30 p.m. at Bethware school.

Fair manager and club secretary Stokes Wright said complimentary tickets to the barbecue are in the mail. He said fair booklets detailing premium lists will be distributed Wednesday.

The annual agricultural fair will be held on the grounds of Bethware school September 12-13-14 and 15, opening at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 and closing at midnight Sept. 15th. It is the 17th year the association will offer cash prizes to exhibitors of dairy products, bakery items, sewing and other products of the home and farm. Judging will be

Mayor Labels Secret Session Teapot Tempest

Mayor John Henry Moss labeled as "a tempest in a teapot" news accounts critical of an alleged "secret" meeting held following the commission meeting of July 30.

The second meeting was held, the Mayor said, for the simple reason that by oversight, two items concerning the police department were not on the agenda.

On request of Chief of Police Tom McDevitt, the commission reconvened and changed two policies: 1) to permit employment of police officers within an eight-mile radius of Kings Mountain in Cleveland or Gaston counties and 2) to permit employment as dispatchers 18-year-olds who meet the other physical and educational requirements to be an officer. They would not have arrest authority.

With the employment situation tight, Mayor Moss said, the Chief said he needed more leeway in maintaining a full-strength force. The commission agreed.

"These were routine items which the commission, the Chief, nor I had any reason to keep secret," the Mayor commented. "Legally, under present North Carolina law, all governing bodies have the right to conduct personnel matters in executive session."

National Leaguers In State Finals

Kings Mountain's National League All-Stars defeated Norwood 6-5 Wednesday night and advance Thursday (tonight) to the championship game of the state Dixie Youth Little League Baseball Tournament in Whiteville.

Kings Mountain faces Columbus County Thursday night. Should KM win, another game will have to be played Friday.

on Children's Day, Thursday, Sept. 13. Special events, with reduced rides, are planned on opening day and Children's Day. McBride Brothers of South Carolina will bring to the midway a variety of rides and attractions.

Janet Boyles, high school senior student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Boyles, will reign as Queen of the Fair. Officers of the sponsoring Bethware Progressive club are Carl Champion, president; Clarence Earle, vice-president; Stokes Wright, secretary and fair manager; Jim Yarbrough, assistant fair manager; Raeford White, treasurer; Gene Carpenter, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Betty Bell, chairman of the Women's division of the fair; and Mrs. Betty White co-chairman of the Women's division of the fair.

US 74 Electric Utility Line Map Received

The North Carolina Utilities Coordinating committee has provided the city a survey map of planned electric utility line construction along the currently projected four-lane U.S. 74 by-pass.

The map, in 12 large panels, is posted for public inspection, Monday through Friday at city commission chambers in City Hall.

Under the law, where utility lines must be moved from present highway right-of-way, the changes will be at city expense.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the two principal points involving city cost are at the planned major intersections at Cleveland and Piedmont avenue.

Warren B. Powell, state utility agent with the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety, wrote Mayor Moss:

"As a service of the North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee and in order to provide advance information relative to proposed highway construction, I am sending to you under separate cover herewith a print of the survey map on the above project."

"At this time we are unable to advise you when this project will be constructed and would like to call your attention to the fact that when plans are prepared on the above project, some changes in the survey may be necessary. If it is necessary to move or alter any of your plant in conflict with construction of this project, you will be notified by a Right of Way Agent, as soon as the design of the highway project has progressed to the point that such a determination can be made."

"At the time you are approached by the Division of Highways to make a field investigation of any conflicts, it will be very helpful and result in a saving of time if your representative would have the facts as to the status of the right of way for your lines in question."

"In examining this survey route map you will anticipate problems that will result in excess costs to either the Division of Highways or to your Company. We would appreciate your advising this office as early as possible so the consideration may be given before our plans are finalized."

Gaston McGills Reunion Sunday

The 41st annual reunion of the McGills of Gaston clan will be held at Bethel ARP church on St. Luke's road off the Kings Mountain-Cherryville highway Sunday afternoon.

The program and business meeting will begin at 5 p.m., with picnic dinner following.

The program will feature an address by Jim Anderson, historian of Kings Mountain National Military Park.

In event of rain, the reunion will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church, Kings Mountain.

Officers are Norman McGill, Jr., Kings Mountain, president; John O. Ross, Jr., Charlotte, vice-president; Mrs. Martin Harmon, Kings Mountain, secretary; treasurer is Mrs. Vivian Valentine of Mississippi.

Teacher Clinic Set August 16

There will be a workshop for new substitute teachers on August 16th from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Board Room of the Kings Mountain Schools Office Building at 500 West Parker street.

Leading the workshop instruction will be Donald D. Jones, Superintendent; Howard Bryant, Director of Instruction; J. C. Atkinson, Principal, Kings Mountain High School; J. Fred Withers, Principal, Central School; E. J. Evans, Principal, Bethware School; Richard Greene, Principal, North School.

All individuals who have attended a similar workshop do not need to participate again.

Many Changes In City Election Process



RECEIVES AWARD — Mrs. Miles H. Myers receives appreciation award from Rev. Frank Shirley, chaplain of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, as captain Delbert Dixon, left, and board of directors chairman Bennett Masters, right, look on. The award was presented in memory of Mrs. Myers' husband, Miles H. (Smiley) Myers, who died recently. Mr. Myers was a member of the rescue squad for several years. (Photo by Gary Stewart).

Chief Nabs Three Wednesday Wanted For BC Robbery



DIRECTOR — Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis of Kings Mountain has been elected a director of the National Association of Educational Secretaries.

Mrs. Davis Is Elected

Mrs. Wanza Y. Davis, schools secretary since 1952, was installed as a director of the National Association of Educational Secretaries at the recent convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mrs. Davis, wife of I. C. Davis, served for two years as state president of the Department of Educational Secretaries and in all offices leading to the state office. She is a past district president and on the national level has served as area membership director, state membership director, and as chairman of the annual two weeks summer conference and institute in 1971 with 485 attending from 37 states.

The Kings Mountain woman was among four new directors elected. The national president is Mrs. Vivian Valentine of Mississippi.

Mrs. Davis defeated Mrs. Norcen Hines of Nebraska for the directorship.

She will serve as chairman of a standing committee and as chairman of the public relations committee and has changed the structure of the committee by appointing eight area members with a state representative from each state.

TO OXFORD

Mrs. S. T. Cooke and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thomas in Oxford, N. C. Sunday. Mr. Thomas was seriously burned several months ago but is now recuperating at his home. They also visited Rev. Cooke's sisters in nearby Henderson. Mrs. Thomas is a sister of Mrs. Cooke.

Lee Bloodhound Locates Third Man Who Fleed

By MARTIN HARMON

Chief of Police Tom McDevitt, alone, arrested two men wanted for a Tuesday armed robbery in Bessemer City Wednesday afternoon, and with the aid of Steve Lee and Lee's bloodhound, a third 90 minutes later.

All are Negroes.

Returning from the Buffalo Creek lake area, Chief McDevitt spotted the 1965 orange Ford Falcon of the wanted men on the Oak Grove Road. He followed as the orange Ford turned north on the Waco road and continued when the Ford turned west on SR 2072, an unopened dead-end road leading to an old multi-room farmhouse.

He immediately arrested Gordon Phillip Lamar and Larry Calvin Chambers, the latter carrying a sawed-off shotgun. Chief McDevitt said, S. C. Weathers, the Chief continued, ran.

It was then the Chief summoned Lee and his dog, which circled the house twice and stopped.

"He's bound to be under there," Lee said. "That dog has never lied to me yet."

Weathers was released. Gaston Rural Police claimed the trio, on allegation of robbing Elmer Huntzinger, of Reed's Trailer Park, Bessemer City, of \$88. Chief McDevitt is charging Chambers with possession of the shotgun, which the Chief said, is both a federal and state felony. The Gaston police are charging the trio with armed robbery.

GOSPEL SING

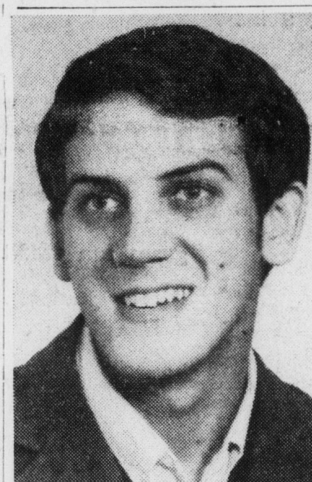
A gospel singing will be held Sunday, August 12 at Mountain View Baptist church at 2:00 p.m. Special groups for the program will be The Golden Valley Crusaders and Singing Witnesses. Every one is welcome.

Rites Thursday For KM Native, Killed In Kentucky Auto Accident

Mrs. Elizabeth Randle Clay, 53, Kings Mountain native, was killed Monday evening by her automobile which apparently backed over her after she left the moving vehicle to close a gate at her residence.

A spokesman for the family said Mrs. Clay, daughter of J. Clyde Randle of Kings Mountain and the late Elizabeth Herndon Randle, apparently left the vehicle in neutral while she "went to close the gate to the house and the car backed over her." The accident occurred at 7 p.m. in Sharpsburg, Kentucky.

Funeral rites will be held to-



FLORAL DESIGNER — Bill Daves, a floral designer for eight years, has purchased with Mrs. Barbara Galloway the former Kings Mountain Florist owned by C. E. Stroupe. The business will continue to operate as K. M. Florist.

KM Florist Is Purchased

Bill Daves and Barbara Galloway have purchased from C. E. Stroupe Kings Mountain Florist, the joint owners announced this week.

Mr. Daves, of route three, with eight years experience in floral designing, began his career at Ratcliff's of Charlotte and received his diploma from McFarland's School of Floral Design. He has been a member of the "North Carolina Designer of the Year" panel and has furnished displays at Southeastern Christmas show the past three years and won awards for floral styling at weddings and as a wedding consultant. He is a member of New Camp Creek church where he is organist.

Mrs. Galloway is a native of (Continued On Page Six)

Copying Done; Registrar Check Urged By Board

(Ed. Note: The following information is first of a series by Mrs. Betty Mercier, secretary of the city board of elections, to acquaint citizens with the many changes in registration and voting procedures as enacted by the 1971 General Assembly and effective this year.)

The 1971 North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation to provide state-wide uniformity in election procedures and permanent registration for all future elections; State, County, District and City.

According to this new election legislation, effective this year, all future municipal elections will now be conducted on a uniform date throughout the State. Previously, Kings Mountain City Elections have been held in the spring of odd-numbered years. This new legislation provides that all city elections be held in the fall of odd-numbered years on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, or on November the 6th. The Kings Mountain City Elections, according to resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners, will be held on a non-partisan basis and will provide for a Run-Off if necessary. The primary election will be held on October the 9th with majority required for election. Should a majority not be declared in any race, a Run-Off election will be called for November the 6th; if the qualified second candidate exercises his option to call for it.

The authority to conduct this City Election is delegated to a Municipal Board of Elections appointed by the City of Kings Mountain but under the direction of the State Board of Elections. The State's primary purpose for implementing this new procedure was to better co-ordinate election process.

In compliance with these newly established election procedures, voter registration has also undergone substantial revision. Now that the State has taken over all elections, the County registration books are proclaimed to be the only official voter registration. In other words, there will be no future City registration, and former City registration is no longer valid. All voters must therefore be registered with the County in which they reside to be eligible to vote in any future election - State, County, District, or City.

If you are already registered with Cleveland County as an eligible voter in General Elections at the County, State and National level, then you are properly registered to vote in all future elections including City Elections. You need not re-register. However, if you are not sure of your County registration, please stop by or call the Cleveland County Board of Elections Office on the 1st floor of the County Courthouse in Shelby, telephone No. 482-1422. On the other hand, if you are not a County-registered voter, in which case you have

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Royal Villa Robbers Get \$597

A man and woman armed with revolvers robbed the Royal Villa Motor Inn in Kings Mountain early Friday morning and escaped with \$597.

Glenn Paul, night clerk, reported that the man and woman came into the motel around 5:14 a.m. He reported that he opened the door for them and turned to walk behind the counter. He said when he turned around, the woman drew a .38 calibre pistol and asked for the money.

Paul said as he cleaned out the cash drawer, the woman noticed an envelope on the counter and asked for it. He said he had just put most of the money in the envelope and did not give it to her.

Paul reported that the woman helped herself to the envelope and placed it in a suitcase which she was carrying. He said the man drew a .44 magnum as they left.

The robbers reportedly fled in a 1969 or 70 Monte Carlo. Paul said he fired twice at the car as it sped away. He said the car left toward the bridge at the I-85 N. C. 161 exit but he was not sure whether the car continued down 161 or turned on I-85.