

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914

City Limits 8,465

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the Special United States Census of the Census report of January, 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 3 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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No Staggered Terms Now; Registration Change

Pupils To School Next Wednesday

Head Start Program Openings Given

The Kings Mountain District schools has qualified as sponsor of the Cleveland County Head Start program and currently, taking applications for positions of full-time bookkeeper - secretary and a part-time social worker.

The bookkeeper - secretary applicant must have had training and experience in double entry bookkeeping and be proficient in typing.

Application forms are available at the Kings Mountain District School Office, 500 West Parker Street.

Moss To Fill ARP Pulpit

Rev. James Moss, pastor of Manning Presbyterian church of Manning, S. C. and formerly of Kings Mountain, will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship hour at 11 o'clock at Kings Memorial ARP church.

He will use the sermon topic, "That's Your Problem" from the text Matthew 27:1-10.

Rev. Mr. Moss is brother of Bill Moss of the ARP congregation and is a Kings Mountain native. He has been pastor of Manning and New Harmony Presbyterian churches in Manning, S. C. since July 1971.

He began his pastoral duties in June 1955 at Fifth Creek and Bethesda Presbyterian churches near Statesville and he and his wife left there for missionary work in Brazil from August 1956 until January 1963. He also served pastorates in Mt. Ulla, N. C. at Back Creek Presbyterian church and in Clover, S. C. as pastor of Bethel and Scherer Memorial Presbyterian churches.

June Peterson's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for June Peterson, 57, of 605 Phoenix street, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Four Square Gospel church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. P. J. Hannagan officiated at the final rites.

Mr. Peterson died Thursday morning in the Kings Mountain hospital after illness of several weeks.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peterson and an employee of Sherman Textiles in Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rose Blackwell Peterson; two sons, Floyd Peterson of Kings Mountain and Harold Peterson of Lenoir; two daughters, Mrs. Henry Kiser of Lincolnton and Mrs. James Burns of Kings Mountain; five brothers, Raymond Peterson of Cherryville, Jack Peterson of Blacksburg, S. C., Robert Peterson of Ninety Nine, S. C., William Peterson of Clover, S. C., and Mrs. Mary Painter of Sanford. Also surviving are nine grandchildren.

Watergate Chairman Ervin Speaker At Democratic Rally on August 23

U. S. Senator Sam Ervin will make the featured address at a Cleveland Democratic unity rally next Thursday, August 23, at 7 p.m. at Shelby City Park.

The rally begins with a free barbecue supper at 7 p.m. and all Cleveland County Democrats are invited to attend.

Ervin, Morganton attorney who is North Carolina's senior senator, is a recognized authority on the U. S. Constitution and has become a national figure with his role in the current Watergate investigation. He will be visiting during a recess in the Watergate hearings, which are being televised nationally.

County Democratic Chairman David Beam also announced that other elected officials representing Clevelanders on state and local levels will be on hand to (Continued On Page Eight)

Short Schedule First Day Full Day on Thursday

It'll be back to school for over 4,000 area youngsters next Wednesday, with the first full day of school set for Thursday.

Supt. Don Jones said all schools will have orientation Wednesday and work on an abbreviated schedule.

Kindergartens through sixth grades will attend Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. with grades seven through 12 attending from 8:30 through 11:30. State-supported kindergarten programs will operate this year at Grover and North elementary schools as well as the Early Childhood Education Center at Compact.

Full school days will operate during the following hours: 8:30 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. for kindergarten through grade six; 8:30 a.m. until 2:52 p.m. for grades seven and eight at Central; and 8:30 a.m. until 3:02 p.m. for grades nine through 12 at the high school plant.

Jones said that kindergarten and first grade classes will be released at 12 noon through Labor Day.

Teachers began work last Monday on the state's new 10-month employment program. The faculty is complete.

Paving Bids Due On August 27

The city is now ready to receive bids on 17,000 feet of unpaved streets in the city but proper petitions by some of the owners are still required.

Members of the board of commissioners Monday night passed an authorization requesting petitions for paving unpaved streets and Mayor John Moss said his office is "trying to get responses from everyone so we can have all the petitions ready."

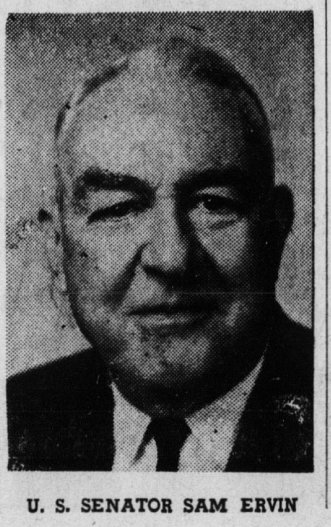
The mayor said plans call for the completion of paving in October, with bids to be received at the last meeting in August.

Under present policy property owners share paying costs with the city paying complete cost of paving all intersections.

Kay Bridges To Win Master's

Miss Kay Bridges, former resident and teacher in this city, will graduate Aug. 17 from Western Carolina University with the Master of Arts in Education degree in the area of physical education. Miss Bridges will be leaving the United States August 20 to assume the position of physical education director of Colegio Karl C. Parrish in Barranquilla, Colombia, South America.

Ms. Bridges is the daughter of Mrs. Ruby Bridges and the late Archie A. Bridges.



U. S. SENATOR SAM ERVIN

School Board Will Discuss Lunch Fees

The possibility of a hike in school lunch prices will be discussed at Monday night's monthly meeting of the board of education. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the school administration building on Parker Street.

Supt. Don Jones said that the continued increase in the price of food will almost certainly force the schools to increase their prices.

Jones pointed out that for the second straight year there will be no instructional fees (book fees) for students in the Kings Mountain district. There are some special fees for physical ed towels, typing, vocational programs, etc.

Board Authorizes Salary Review

The city commission Monday, upon motion by Comm. Jonas Bridges and seconded by Comm. Jim Dickey, authorized the mayor to appoint a committee to study the possibility of adjusting the salaries of the mayor and commissioners.

Comm. Bridges pointed out that the city's \$4 million budget made the running of city government "big business" and that salaries of officials should be "brought in line," noting that many department heads earn "much more than the mayor."

Mayor John Moss earns \$708.33 per month and ward commissioners earn \$75 per month.

City Attorney Jack White pointed to a new change in state statutes which provide that a board "may raise their own salaries by noting it in the budget with no public hearing required only advertisement of budget amendment, conforming with the new state elections law."

Smoke Inhalation Fatal To Sims

Roger Dale Sims, 21, of Shelby Road, died Sunday in a 3:30 a.m. fire which destroyed a major part of his home.

Firemen from the Kings Mountain and Bethlehem fire departments extinguished the blaze which destroyed a front room and back porch.

An autopsy performed by Dr. G. W. Plonk and Cleveland County pathologist, Dr. J. B. Gentry, indicated that Sims died of smoke inhalation and suffocation.

County fire marshal Delane Davis said the body was found in a room that had not been damaged by fire. He said the origin of the fire is unknown and the fire is still under investigation.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Harris Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. C. A. Bost officiating. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A native of Gaston County, Sims is survived by his wife, Mrs. Darrell Anderson Sims; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd T. Sims of Cherryville; one stepdaughter, Sherry Collins of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Tommy and Douglas Sims of Cherryville; and three sisters, Mrs. Richard Hale Jr. of Wilmington, Mrs. Carl Heavner of Florence, S. C., and Miss Martha Sims of Cherryville.

Otis Tomes' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Otis James Tomes, 65, of 103 S. Tracy street were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Vestibule AIME Zion church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Tomes died at 3 a.m. Sunday at his home.

An employee of the Paul M. Neisler Sr. family for 49 years, he was a member of Vestibule AIME Zion church where he was class leader and member of the trustee board and senior choir. He was also a member of the Kings Mountain Improvement Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ida Setzer Tomes; two sisters, Mrs. Janie Wray of Shelby and Mrs. Eula Vinson of Hickory; and one half-brother, Broadus Hardy of Shelby.



THE NEW HARPER'S PRESCRIPTION PHARMACY GRAND OPENING THIS WEEKEND

Bond Referendum Hearing Monday



GRADUATE—Mrs. Ronald Beason has received her degree from Gardner-Webb college.

Mrs. Beason Earns Degree

Mrs. Andrea Huffstetter Beason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Huffstetter of Kings Mountain and wife of Ronald Beason of Boiling Springs, was graduated magna cum laude Saturday from Gardner Webb college at Boiling Springs.

Mrs. Beason earned her B. S. in health and physical education, completing a four-year course of study in three.

She held a 1970 A. G. Myers scholarship and a Dover scholarship.

Detroit Murder Charge On Hord

Joseph Dennis Hord of Kings Mountain has been jailed in Detroit, Mich., and charged with first degree murder in a Tuesday shooting death of a Detroit man.

Kings Mountain Chief of Police Tom McDevitt was notified of the charge Wednesday by Sgt. Kicinski of the homicide division of the Detroit PD.

Hord is an escapee from the Shelby unit of the Department of Corrections, where he was serving time for breaking, entering and larceny, forgery and escape. He reportedly escaped from the Shelby unit several weeks ago when he and three other prisoners reportedly overtook a guard and fled to a "planted" getaway car parked outside the prison gates.

City Office Hopefuls Can File This Friday; Fees Are Changed

Candidates for mayor and city commissioner may pay their filing fees at the city hall office beginning at noon Friday and continuing through noon Friday, September 14.

The city elections board, under its option under state statutes, has designated the city clerk an official empowered to accept the required statements of intent and the filing fees.

Commissioner candidates will find their filing fees doubled to \$10.

Mayoral candidates will get a considerable reduction, from \$100 to \$10.

Under new state law, cities with the population of Kings Mountain, can set filing fees only within the limits of \$10 to \$20 for all city elected officials.

The commission adopted the filing fee resolution to conform to the state statute Monday night.

Debt Merging, Bond Election Likely Oct. 6

A public hearing on the proposed bond referendum calling for a consolidation of the county school debts has been scheduled for August 20 at the county commissioner's office at the Cleveland County Courthouse in Shelby.

The commissioners are suggesting that the debts of the Kings Mountain, Shelby and Cleveland County school districts be made as one but are opposing any consolidation of administrations.

The bond referendum has been tentatively set for Oct. 6.

Kings Mountain recently passed a \$2.5 million school bond referendum for the purpose of constructing a new junior high school and improvements at other schools. The increase in the tax levy for KM district taxpayers was reflected on county taxes which were received by the taxpayers last week.

The Kings Mountain levy is currently 50 cents per \$100 valuation.

Dutch Wilson Superintendent

Harry D. (Dutch) Wilson, veteran city employee, was appointed electrical superintendent "based on his performance as acting superintendent" by the city board of commissioners Monday night.

Mr. Wilson has been acting superintendent since the retirement of longtime electrical superintendent D. Hunter Allen.

In other actions involving the electrical department, the board honored two retired employees.

The electrical sub-station on Gaston street is now the D. Hunter Allen Substation.

Both Mr. Allen and Mr. Thornburg were employed by the city for many years.

Mr. Wilson joined the city electrical department September 1, 1950.

He and his wife live on Stowe Acres. They are parents of one daughter.

Registration At Precincts Four Saturdays

By MARTIN HARMON

Registration by new voters for the October 9 city election and November 6 run-off, if necessary, will be easier than originally thought by city officials and the city elections board, result of a new voting laws effective July 1.

Mrs. J. H. Arthur, West Kings Mountain registrar for the county, and Mrs. Nelle Cranford, the county's East Kings Mountain registrar, will have their books open for registration at the respective voting places for four consecutive Saturdays, beginning Saturday coming and also on August 25, September 1 and 8. Books will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on these days.

West Kings Mountain precinct voters live west of the railroad and register at the Armory. East Kings Mountain precinct voters live east of the railroad, including those also residents of Gaston county, and register at city hall.

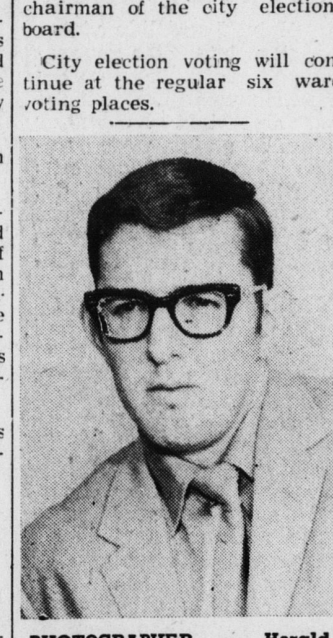
The fact that the 1971 registration books are now null and void remains. Citizens of Kings Mountain, to vote, must be registered on the Cleveland County scrolls.

Another new development affects Kings Mountain-Gaston citizens. Names are being copied on the new city books from the Gaston scrolls.

Voters may register with their individual registrars by appointment at any time through September 10, or Monday-Friday, 8:30 to 5 at the office of the county elections board, county courthouse in Shelby.

"If in doubt on your registration, check with your registrar," is the advice of Brooks R. Tate, chairman of the city elections board.

City election voting will continue at the regular six ward voting places.



PHOTOGRAPHER — Herald Sports Editor Gary Stewart has announced the opening of Gary Stewart Photography in the Dixon community.

Gary Stewart Photo Studio

Gary Stewart, staff member of the Kings Mountain Herald, today announced the opening of Gary Stewart Photography.

Stewart said he will be available for both color and black and white assignments and will specialize in color wedding photography and portraits.

He will continue his present duties as sports editor and photographer for the Herald and will locate his photography studio for the present time at his home in the Dixon school community.

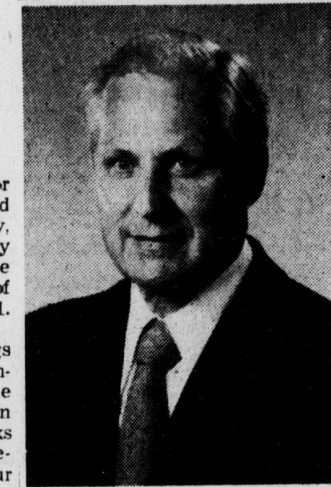
A graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Stewart has been associated with the Herald for nine years. He also served on the sports staff of the Gastonia Gazette for five years. He is married to the former Mary Jo Rogers of Taylorsville.

Anyone desiring appointments or other information are urged to call Stewart at 739-7548.

CMC Kindergarten Opens August 27

Central United Methodist church kindergarten and play school opens August 27th.

Registration may be made by telephoning 739-2471 or 739-3406, said a spokesman for the church.



PRESIDENT — Rev. S. W. Avery has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association for the coming year.

Avery Heads KM Ministers

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association in its May meeting elected new officers for the coming year.

The Rev. S. W. Avery of the Church of God was elected to serve as president. The Rev. Mr. Glenn Bowland of the Resurrection Lutheran church as vice president and the Rev. Mr. David Kime of the Oak View Baptist as secretary-treasurer.

The installation of these new officers will be initiated in the regular meeting of the association held in September 1973.

The Rev. Mr. Avery is pastor of the Kings Mountain Church of God, having assumed that post in 1970. A Native of North Carolina, Mr. Avery has held pastorates throughout the state for more than 30 years and has been an ordained minister in the Church of God for 25 years. He has served his denomination in North Carolina as a member of its highest elected board, the state council, as district overseer and as a member of various committees of the annual statewide camp meeting. For nine years, he was a member of the governing board of the Church of God Home for Children, Kannapolis. He has also served on the advisory board of the N. C. chapter of the Lee College (Cleveland, Tenn.) Alumni Association.

Mr. Avery is currently chairman of the ministerial examining board for the Western North Carolina region of the Church of God and is treasurer of the regional Church of God Tri-District Ministerial association.

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Mrs. Robinson Wins Master's

Mrs. Carol Goter Robinson won her master's degree from the Graduate School of Louisiana State University in commencement exercises Saturday morning.

Mrs. Robinson is the daughter of Mrs. Ed Goter of Kings Mountain and the late Mr. Goter.

Some 900 graduates were awarded degrees at summer commencement exercises. At least half of the graduating class received graduate degrees, including 72 doctorates.

Grace Church Picnic On Sunday

A picnic for Grace United Methodist church will be held Sunday, August 19 at Lake Crawford at Shelter No. 1. The shelter will be reserved until 4 p.m.

The meal will be served at 6:00. Drinks, ice and cups will be furnished by the ladies of the church.

At 7:00 a worship service will be held at the lake.

Laughter Resigns; He Charges Officials With Lack Of Support

City building inspector Woodrow W. Laughter blasted the Moss administration and the city's legal staff for failure to enforce the city codes as he announced Wednesday that he is quitting his post.

Mr. Laughter said he gave Mayor John Moss his resignation a month ago and will terminate his duties Friday after three years on the job.

He called "lack of cooperation of city officials" his reason for quitting.

"They (the city board) vote for these zoning laws and ordinances, tell me to follow them, and then won't back it up," said Laughter.

One case in point, Laughter says, involves condemning or "tagging" 138 old homes for removal. "These property owners were advised four months ago (some even longer) to fix these up or tear them down. These dilapidated buildings are still standing. Some folks chalk the line, others get by. I say what's right for one is right for all and

Law Requires 90-Day Notice, Brock Advises

By MARTIN HARMON

Candidates for mayor and city commissioners of Kings Mountain will again seek two-year terms.

City Attorney Jack White said Wednesday Alex Brock, chairman of the state elections board, told him by telephone that insufficient time remains to institute a staggered term arrangement for the 1973 election, which the city commission had voted Monday night.

Any changes in city options within the state statutes must be reported 90 days prior to the election. In addition, public hearings must be held on proposed changes, and citizens, on petition of ten percent of the registered voters, can force a referendum on the proposals.

The city elections are now under the jurisdiction of the state board. The city election board will canvass the votes and make its report to the state board which has the responsibility of certifying the electees.

Attorney White had posed possibility of the time question Monday night and the check-out followed.

Commissioner Jonas Bridges made the motion for staggered terms, Commissioner Jim Dickey seconded, and the vote was unanimous, all members present and voting.

Comm. Bridges also made a motion to change the city's method of election from non-partisan, majority required to elect, to non-partisan, plurality required to elect. Comm. Bridges withdrew his motion when City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., posed the time question.

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