

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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Small Businesses May Build Downtown Mall

Co-op Group Of Four Firms Like KMRC Idea

Four small businesses in the downtown area - Cathy's Beauty Shop, KM Florist, Triangle Loan and Mearl Norman Cosmetics - have indicated they will form a co-op and build in a shopping mall in the Central business district.

The mall plans were advanced by the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission during a meeting of 13 small business owners at City Hall Tuesday night.

A second meeting of the group is slated for November 13th at 7:30 p.m. and Project Coordinator John Hall says "go-ahead" with the plans is forthcoming.

Mr. Hall said after the firms form a co-op application for a Small Business Administration Loan will be made. "Chances are good that the full loan would be approved since top priority is given to displaced businesses", Hall explained to the group. "The beauty of this program which is a dream of the local Redevelopment Commission is that small businesses which have a problem renting and finding quarters suitable can remain in the downtown area."

Small businesses are defined as those companies which require a building of 600 to 1,000 square feet. There are 13 in this area, many of whom will be displaced by the revamping of the business district.

The four or six co-operative owners would share in the loan and would realize considerable savings in a venture of this type, said Hall.

He said the mall co-op concept is a model program and that the Department of Housing and Urban Development "likes our idea." "We were first told this type project couldn't be done but the Small Business Administration and HUD are all for it."

Crawford Murphy Architects presented a proposed drawing of a proposed mall of four or six businesses to the group attending Tuesday night's meeting.

Hall said location of the mall would be in the area now housing Phifer Hardware Company. Phifer plans to build on the former City Ice & Coal property on Railroad avenue.

"This co-op venture is a dream of ours we think can be a reality for the small businesses of the city", said Hall.

Palsy Campaign Appears Lagging

Gifts to the 1973 cerebral palsy campaign in the city were "lagging" this week, and Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, chairman, said the drive would be extended a week.

Mrs. Lynch reminded volunteers who have distributed "coin banks" in downtown businesses to report their collections to Charles Hamilton, drive treasurer, at First Citizens Bank & Trust Company. She also encouraged canvassers to complete their residential solicitation work this week and report them to Mr. Hamilton.

Mrs. Lynch said she is appreciative of the generous gifts area citizens have made to the drive for funds for patients of cerebral palsy.

Candler Area Houses Razed

Cash Brothers removed 16 houses tagged "sub-standard" in the Candler street area this week, and clearing of the area was underway yesterday.

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission announced Friday that a total of 54 structures and lots were purchased in the area from Fred Wright, Jr., the estate of Mrs. Fred Wright, Sr. and James E. (Zip) Rhea at cost of \$141,235.

Redevelopment Commission Director said his office are continuing to assist tenants of the area in the search for standard housing in the Kings Mountain area. There are now 19 families living in the Wright-Rhea house and will continue to live there, said White, until suitable replacement housing is located.

City Commissioners Oppose Liquor-By-Drink

They Support Schools, Bonds In Nov. 6 Voting

The city commission Monday night endorsed resolutions supporting the statewide school bond issue, portions of the Clean Water Act and went on record as being opposed to liquor-by-the-drink.

Voters will decide all three issues at the polls November 6.

Rev. Edwin Chriscoe, spokesman for the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, said the ministers at the regular October meeting unanimously went on record as opposed to liquor-by-the-drink for this reason: "Considering the moral rain, the social wreckage, the physical and mental suffering, the tremendous property damage and the great loss of human life which results from the use of alcohol, we, the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association oppose liquor-by-the-drink and urge all citizens of our community to vote 'No' on November 6, 1973."

To question of Comm. Jim Dickey if the bill passes what effect, if any, it would have on a dry county, Rev. Mr. Chriscoe said the county would still have to have an election on the matter and, in response to question of Comm. Norman King, noted that the majority of county commissioners could approve liquor-by-the-drink in a county without a vote of the people only in the counties that were already wet.

Comm. King made the motion to oppose liquor-by-the-drink, seconded by Comm. W. S. Biddix who remarked that although Comm. T. J. Ellison was not present for the meeting "Tommy has informed me that he is 100 percent against liquor-by-the-drink."

Comm. Jonas Bridges and Comm. Ellison were absent from the special meeting.

Comm. Ray Cline spoke in favor of the statewide school bond issue and asked that the board go on record "in favor" of its passage.

Mayor John Henry Moss reminded the council and citizens that Kings Mountain is eligible to receive \$251,000 in funds under the Clean Water Bonds bill and the commission passed both resolutions after brief discussion.

Rev. D. D. Scruggs, pastor of Macedonia Baptist church, also represented the Ministerial Association at the meeting.

Item no. 3 on the seven-item city agenda, the consideration of awarding contract for a year's supply of chemicals, required lengthy discussion after representative for Jones Chemicals, of Charlotte one of the low bidders, questioned the awarding of contract to Moreland Co. of Spartanburg, S. C. for liquid chlorine.

Mayor Moss explained that both Jones and Moreland had submitted identical bids but that water supply the clean water recommended by the city buy from Moreland because of the quality container Moreland provides. Contracts, all awarded to low bidders, went to Moreland, Jones, Burris and G. B. Narrill chemicals suppliers.

The board received bids for one chasis and cab and aerial tower unit but voted to readvertise the aerial tower and receive bids on Nov. 1 as only two bids were received. Bids for the chasis were from Dixon Chevrolet of Kings Mountain, \$4,337. Dalton Truck Co. of Gastonia, \$4,191.98.

Three Permits Are Issued

The city building inspector's office issued only three permits - two were for zoning, during the week ending Wednesday.

Roger Penson obtained a zoning permit to place a trailer in Stinnett Acres Trailer Park.

C. M. Sheffield of Royal Motel was issued zoning permit to place a pre-built storage room at the east end of the motel.

Frank Hollifield obtained a permit to close in his carport to make an extra room at cost of \$1,000. D. L. Sanders will be contractor.

Sewage Improvements Bids To Be Received By City

Pilot Creek Expansion Is Major Aim

The city commission will receive bids Wednesday afternoon for sewage system improvements. Major elements of the improvement project are:

- 1) expansion of the Pilot Creek sewage treatment plant to two million gallons per day; and
- 2) expansion of the treatment plant sewage pumping station on Linwood road; and
- 3) sewage pipe installation.

Halloween House Open

Spooks and goblins and all kinds of Halloween horrors have found a home at 614 West Mountain street. The house at this address will be open during the Halloween season, beginning Saturday night, October 27, 7:30 p. m. then on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Young people of the First Baptist church, Kings Mountain, are in charge of the project, and will be on duty to see that the goings on are under control.

The community is invited to attend. A small admission fee will be charged.

Folk Musical Sunday At 7

Young people of the First Baptist church, will present the folk musical "Encounter" Sunday evening, October 28 at 7 p. m. at the Oak Grove Baptist church.

In the musical one person's encounter with Christ is portrayed. Narration and song tells the story in the language and musical form of today. Instrumental accompaniment is provided by tape, and the choir uses microphones.

The Youth Choir of First Baptist church meets weekly, preparing all types of musical presentations. The members of the group especially enjoy folk musicals.

RA TEAMS

The Royal Ambassador ball teams of Oak Grove Baptist church will meet for a supper and recognition service Friday night at 7:30 in the church fellowship hall. The boys' meals are complimentary. Parents plates are \$1.50.

Mrs. Smith's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Dessie Carr Smith, 76, of 211 McGill Court, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Macedonia Baptist church which she was a member.

Her pastor, Rev. L. D. Scruggs, officiated at the final rites, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. W. C. Sides, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Smith, widow of William Franklin Smith, died at 3:30 a. m. Monday in Kings Mountain hospital.

She was a native of Gaston county, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Carr.

Surviving are three sons, Vernon L. Smith, Jack Smith, both of Kings Mountain, and Clyde Smith of Columbia, S. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Roy Pearson and Mrs. Robert Dye, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Frank Durham, of Lancaster, Calif.; two brothers, Wilburn Carr of Gastonia and Guss Carr of Belmont and 10 grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were C. O. White, Clarence Smith, Tom Smith, Morris Timms, Kermit Huffstetter, and David Lawing.



RETIREES - CWO/3 Charles B. Wright has retired from the U. S. Army after 24 years service.

CWO Wright Has Retired

CWO-3 Charles B. Wright, son of Mrs. Rosa Wright of King Mountain, retired from the United Army after 24 years service October 1 at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

The Kings Mountain man entered the service in 1949 at Fort Jackson and at the time of his retirement was chief of the nuclear Weapons Support branch at Philadelphia, Pa.

He has accepted a position with AVCO Financial Services and will be working in Trenton, N. J. He resides with his family at 32 Mullshire Lane, Williamsboro, New Jersey.

Among Mr. Wright's award are the Army Commendation medal, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry's Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (OLC), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Mrs. Ruppe's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ethel Allison Ruppe, 64, of 403 Hill street, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Grace United Methodist church interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Her pastor, Rev. N. C. Bush officiated at the final rites as assisted by Rev. Payne, Rev. Eugene Land and Rev. L. C. Scruggs. A native of Cherokee county, S. C., Mrs. Ruppe died Friday afternoon in the Kings Mountain hospital. She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allison and wife of Paul L. Ruppe.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, Dean Ruppe of Charlotte and Harvey and Owen Ruppe both of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Barbara Kimble of Rock Hill, S. C., Miss Flora Mae Ruppe and Miss Frances Ruppe, both of Kings Mountain; one brother, Rochel Allison of Panasoffe, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a step--grandchildren.

Lion White Cane Drive On Sunday

Kings Mountain Lions will again conduct a White Cane Sale for the blind on Sunday on downtown streets.

Members will be giving the White Cane lapel pins, stopping area motorists on Sunday afternoon to solicit for area blind.

Hal Plonk is project chairman.

Mrs. Payseur's Rites Conducted Here On Tuesday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Carolyn Prince Payseur, 51, wife of Baxter Payseur, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Central United Methodist church of which she was a member.

Her pastor, Rev. Paschal Waugh, officiated at the final rites, assisted by Rev. Garland Winkler, a former pastor. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Payseur died Monday afternoon at 3:30 in N. C. Baptist hospital at Winston Salem after a long illness with Hodgkin's disease.

She was a native of Columbia, S. C., daughter of Alfred Bobo Prince and Mary Dunn Prince of Kings Mountain. She was a former employee of First Citizens and Trust Company of Kings Mountain and was active in church and community affairs.

She was a graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Payseur is survived by her son, James Payseur, of the home; three brothers, Millard Prince of Hollywood, Fla., Jack Prince of Gainesville, Ga., and William Prince of Charlotte; and three sisters, Mrs. Vivian Alston of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mrs. Jack Ledford of Charlotte and Mrs. Betty Antonich of Daytona Beach, Fla.

The three brothers of Mrs. Payseur, Jack Prince, Millard Prince and William Prince, and her brother-in-law, Jack Ledford, served as pallbearers with Floyd Payne and Tommy Yarbrough.

The church choir sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells," a favorite hymn of Mrs. Payseur.

Rites Thursday For Mrs. Barrett

Funeral rites for Mrs. Pauline Sneed Barrett, 59, of Grover, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from First Baptist church of Grover, interment following in Grover cemetery.

Rev. Paul Millwood and Rev. Mitchell Pruitt will officiate at the final rites. Nephews of Mrs. Barrett will serve as pallbearers.

Mrs. Barrett, widow of Marvin Thomas Barrett, died Tuesday afternoon in Cleveland Memorial hospital of an apparent heart attack.

She was a native of Cherokee County, S. C., daughter of the late Jacob P. Sneed and Mrs. Lula Byers Sneed of Blacksburg, S. C.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are one son, George Barrett of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Kirby of Grover and Mrs. Bonnie Martin of Grover; two brothers, William Sneed of York, S. C. and Rufus Sneed of Blacksburg, S. C.; four sisters, Mrs. Emma Ashe of York, S. C., Miss Sarah Sneed of Blacksburg, S. C., Miss Louise Sneed and Mrs. Studie Cable, both of Blacksburg, and five grandchildren.

She was a member of Grover's First Baptist church.

The body will lie in state at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Martin, in Grover until the hour of service.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

LIONS LUNCHEON Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club are invited to attend a White Cane luncheon at Camp Dogwood on Sunday, Nov. 4th, Lion Hal Plonk has announced. Reservations for luncheon should be made with Lion Plonk.

Local News Bulletins

TO CONFERENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Logan, Jr. will go to Raleigh Friday to attend the fall conference of the American Legion at Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel. Mr. Logan is Commander of Warren F. Hoyle Post 82 of Shelby.

SERMON TOPIC

"On Finding Burning Bushes" will be the sermon topic of Rev. N. C. Bush at Sunday morning worship hour at 11 at Grace United Methodist church.

FROM ATLANTA

Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch has returned home from Atlanta, Ga. after a weekend visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Harrell and daughters, Amy and Jane. Mrs. Harrell is the former Lottie Lynch.

DISCHARGED

Richard (Dick) McGinnis has been discharged from Kings Mountain hospital and continues to recuperate from a heart ailment at his home.

TAX REFUND

The city commission Monday night approved a request from Hillard D. Smith for a tax refund in the amount of \$46.09. In another matter of routine business, the board referred to the zoning board a request from Dean Ayers of 109 Dilling street for rezoning property from neighborhood business to residential.

TO BE DISCHARGED

Roy Pearson, city recreation director, will be discharged Monday from Charlotte Memorial hospital where he underwent surgery for removal of a kidney.

C. C. Panther's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Columbus Charlie Panther, 97, retired farmer of Grover were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Antioch Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Panther died Friday at 8 P. M. in Beam's Rest Home after illness of several years.

He was a native of Rutherford county, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Panther and husband of the late Fannie Love Panther who died in 1968.

Surviving are four sons, J. B. and McKinley Panther, both of Shelby, Grady Panther of Grover, and Floyd Panther of Gastonia; five daughters, Mrs. J. M. Vaughn Jr., Mrs. William Blanton, and Mrs. Joseph Ledford, all of Shelby, Mrs. Eugene Black of Lakeland, Fla. and Mrs. Eugene Johnson of Gastonia; one brother, Ben Panther of Gastonia; 30 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Rev. Clark Poole officiated at the final rites.

Grandsons of Mr. Panther were pallbearers.

Louise Young KMHS Queen

Louise Young, high school senior, was crowned Homecoming Queen at the Kings Mountain high school Homecoming football game Friday night.

Miss Young and members of her court were featured in a big homecoming parade on downtown streets Friday afternoon.

Other members of the court were Vickie Putnam, Becky Scruggs, Janet Boyles and Tina Saunders.

It's Fall And Leaf-Raking Time

Hal Hicks of the City's Sanitation Department reminds that with the arrival of fall comes the problem of disposing of leaves.

"The men working the routes will appreciate it greatly," Mr. Hicks said, "if citizens will place leaves in plastic bags. This will enable the men to keep on schedule and thus render better services to local citizens."