

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320
City Limits 8,008

This figure for Greater Kings Mountain is derived from the 1955 Kings Mountain city directory census. The city limits figure is from the United States census of 1960.

President Pledges To Continue Policies Of JFK

President Felled Friday By Assassin

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 46, died in a Dallas, Texas, hospital at approximately 2 p.m. EST last Friday, a half-hour after he had been wounded by rifle fire by an assassin.

The President, wounded in the head, never regained consciousness.

Also wounded was Governor John Connally, of Texas, a former secretary of the navy in the Kennedy administration. The Governor is recovering after surgery.

Funeral rites for President Kennedy were conducted at St. Matthew's Cathedral, in Washington, Monday at noon, and interment was in Arlington National Park cemetery.

Mr. Kennedy was the youngest man ever elected to the office and the first Roman Catholic elected to the office.

He was eldest surviving son of Joseph P. Kennedy, Boston multi-millionaire and ambassador to Great Britain during the Franklin D. Roosevelt Administration. He served as a PT boat skipper during World War II, being decorated for bravery after his boat was cut in two by a Japanese destroyer. He worked briefly for a Boston newspaper after World War II before being elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1947. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1952, and became president January 20, 1961.

His funeral, the most mammoth recorded history, was held on the third birthday of his son, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Jr., and two days prior to the sixth birthday of his daughter Caroline Kennedy.

His wife, Mrs. Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy, was at his side when the assassin's fatal bullet struck.

The President was on a franky "political" tour of Texas in effort to marry warring Texas Democratic forces and had been widely acclaimed in the 24 hours prior to his death.

He was winner of the Pulitzer prize for his historical work "Profiles in Courage," in which he wrote a series of vignettes on little-heralded statesmen of the past he suggested had shown special courage.

He was born May 29, 1917. The funeral was attended by many heads of state and representatives of some 100 nations.

Historians said it was the most mammoth funeral, from that standpoint in recorded history, and the most mammoth since the funeral of King Edward VII of Great Britain in 1910.

The Kennedy bier was transported to the Capitol rotunda, to the cathedral and to Arlington cemetery, on the horse-drawn caisson on which President Lincoln's bier was transported nearly a century before.

A military band played at the burial rites, "Hail, to the Chief," the navy hymn, and the Star Spangled Banner.

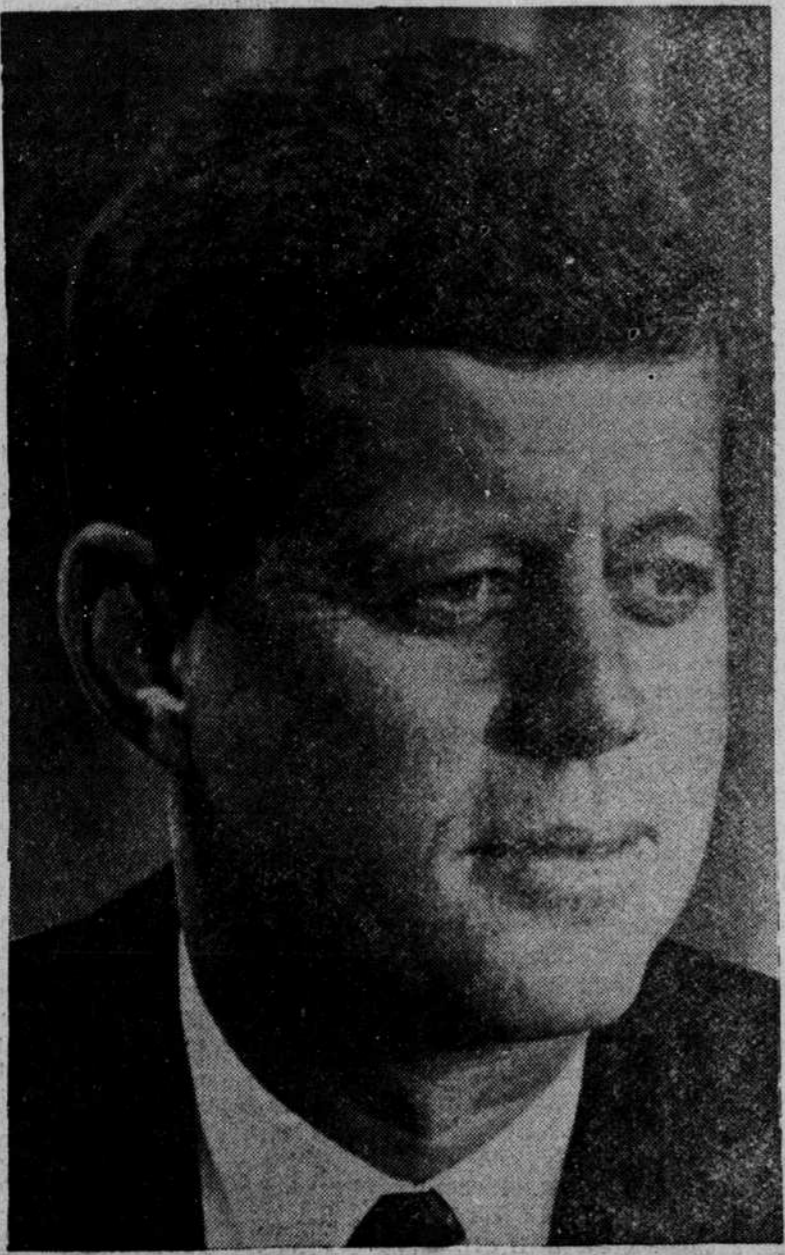
Harris Attended Kennedy Rites

J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician and county coroner, flew to Washington Sunday to attend the funeral of President John F. Kennedy.

Mr. Harris, accompanied by Charles Rogers, of Sanford, said the two joined the line of citizens seeking to pay their respects in the Capitol rotunda, and were inside some five hours, twenty minutes later. They also attended the burial service at Arlington National cemetery.

Among the particular impressions Mr. Harris brought back, he says, were Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's composure, the complete reverence of the large crowds, the dignity of the mammoth funeral service, its timing, the burial service, and the consummate respect the vast throngs showed for their late President.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY Kings Mountain Woman's club has scheduled a Christmas party for members of the Senior Citizens club to be held Friday, Dec. 6th at the Woman's club. Third graders who are pupils of Mrs. J. B. Simpson, West school, will present the program.



ASSASSINATED — John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 46, President of the United States, died Friday a half-hour after he had been wounded in the head by an assassin's bullet. He is the fourth of the nation's chief executives to die at the hand of a killer, the most recent being President William McKinley in 1901. Abraham Lincoln was the first, in 1865, and John Garfield the other, in 1881. President Harry S. Truman escaped an assassin's bullets as did then-President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Kings Mountain Mourns Kennedy

Citizens React With Numbness And Revulsion

Kings Mountain reacted as did the rest of the nation and world last Friday when the news was flashed that President John F. Kennedy had died at the hands of an assassin.

Some, informed by others, initially thought a joke in particular had taste was being offered. These and others were shocked and numbed by the tragedy.

Virtually all shared the revulsion of North Carolina's Senator Sam Ervin, who said, "It makes me sick."

Big majority of Kings Mountain citizens did as those throughout the rest of the nation. They spent every available minute of a long weekend watching television or with their ears glued to radios. All broadcasting systems, from the time of the shooting through Monday night after Mr. Kennedy's death.

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Hosiery, Carolina Throwing Firms, Employees Swell UF To \$10,000

Large contributions by two industrial firms and their employees raised Kings Mountain's United Fund total of contributions and pledges to \$10,000 this week, Chairman Robert O. Southwell reported.

Mauney Hosiery Company and its employees are contributing \$2,020.60. Carolina Throwing Company and its employees are contributing \$1,447.

"A few more contributions of this kind and clean-up in other divisions will put the goal in view," Chairman Southwell commented, as he praised these firms and their employees for being "especially liberal and public-spirited." To date only Burlington Industries Phenix plant among the in-

No Agreement On Rotation Ere January 15

By MARTIN HARMON There will be no recommendation on a 31st Senate district rotation agreement prior to January 15.

Following a meeting of Cleveland, Catawba and Lincoln county officials in Shelby Tuesday night, Rep. Jack Palmer, one of the Cleveland representatives, said the Lincoln delegation professed no agreement and said they wouldn't prior to January 15 — day following the state-wide election on a constitutional amendment which would pare House membership to 190 from 120 and would increase Senate membership to 70 from 50.

The group agreed to convene at Lincoln on January 15, Rep. Palmer said.

Unrepresented Alexander county sent a message that the Catawba delegation could speak for Alexander.

Rep. Palmer reported that the Cleveland delegation, which included Democratic Chairman J. Clat Newton, and Senator Robert Morgan, told the group they would be prepared to recommend to Cleveland Democrats a 2 to 1 rotation with Lincoln, or were quite willing to forget rotation and let the candidates run "at large" throughout the four-county district.

Catawba's delegation reported agreement, as previously, with Alexander on a 3 to 1 basis.

When rotation agreements are effected, as was extant in the former 27th district, the Democratic candidate appears only on his home county ballot in the primary.

In an "at large" situation, in the new 31st district, candidates would be on the ballot in four counties, with the two front-runners provided they had majorities declared nominees.

Lincoln Democrats leaders favor the constitutional amendment, as do Alexander Democrats. Cleveland and Catawba Democratic leaders don't. Lincoln Democrats, however, contended the result of the January 14 election would determine whether the group was seeking a one-term rotation agreement or one that would exist through the 1971 session of the General Assembly.

The agreement, when and if reached, will be subject to ratification by the respective executive committees.

Pump Station Low Bid \$34,458

A. P. White & Associates, of Charlotte, is apparent low bidder for construction of two city sewerage pump stations.

The White firm posted a bid of \$34,458. Included are the pump stations — to replace two Inhoff tanks in the Superior Stone Company area interfering with Superior's operations — plus pipe, valves other items, and installation.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said contract would probably be let within a few days, pending check of the bids by W. K. Dickson & Company, the city's engineering firm.

Under commitment of the city to construct modern sewerage disposal facilities to serve the western portion of the city beginning 1967, the two pump stations would have been required to replace Kings Creek tanks 1 and 2.

Superior, asking immediate removal, agreed to pay half the cost of the upcoming replacements.

The apparent low bid was slightly below the \$36,000 estimate of the Dickson firm. Other bidders were: Spartan Construction Company, Spartanburg, S. C., \$35,297; Hickory Sand Company, \$35,895; Gilbert Engineering Company, Statesville, \$36,486; C. W. Gallant, Inc., Charlotte, \$37,196; Boyd & Goforth, Charlotte, \$37,729.

ROTARY DINNER Kings Mountain Rotarians honored their wives at the annual Rotary dinner Friday night. The program took the place of the regular meeting which would have fallen on Thanksgiving Day. Jack White headed the committee on arrangements.



PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES — Lyndon Baines Johnson became the 36th President of the United States on Friday, November 22. A Texan, he is the first Southerner to hold the office since Andrew Johnson, a native North Carolinian, was succeeded by Ulysses S. Grant in 1869. Andrew

Congress Urged To Implement JFK Programs

President Lyndon B. Johnson urged continuance of the policies of the late President John F. Kennedy in an address Wednesday afternoon before a joint session of Congress.

Alluding to the Kennedy inaugural address, in which the late President said, "Let us begin," President Johnson gave resounding affirmation to the Kennedy policies, including an immediate tax cut, extension of civil rights by law, and in the foreign field "our pursuit of peace."

He said, "Those who test our courage will find it strong and those who seek our friendship will find it honorable."

He pledged that the United States would meet its commitments "from South Viet-Nam to West Berlin."

He opened his address by saying, "All I have I would have given gladly not to be standing here today."

He urged Congress to early action on pending legislation by suggesting, "Our most immediate tasks are here on this hill."

He declared for fair treatment and moderation in this statement:

"The time has come for Americans of all races and creeds and political beliefs to understand and respect one another. Let us put an end to the teaching and preaching of hate and evil and violence. Let us turn away from the fanatics of the far left and the far right, from the apostles of bitterness and bigotry, from those defiant of law, and those who pour venom into our nation's bloodstream."

Johnson Is 36th President Was Rayburn, FDR Protege

Thanksgiving Day Services Are Scheduled

Six Kings Mountain churches have scheduled Thanksgiving Day services.

At three churches a traditional breakfast will be served by men of the church to the members of the congregation.

Baptist Brotherhood of Kings Mountain Baptist church will serve breakfast from 7 until 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the church fellowship hall. Rev. Marion DuBose, pastor, will lead the congregation in a service of worship at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Central Methodist church Men's club will serve Thanksgiving breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the educational building of the church. Rev. Howard Jordan, pastor, will conduct a worship service at 8:30 a.m.

Boyce Memorial ARP churchmen, under direction of W. G. Graunham, will serve breakfast at 8 a.m. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Mrs. N. F. McGill, will sing an anthem at the worship service following. Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor, will lead the service.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold a 10 a.m. worship service in the church sanctuary. Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor, will lead Thanksgiving meditations and the choir will render special music.

Christ the King Catholic church will hold a Service of Mass Thanksgiving Day at 9 a.m. Father Beatty has announced.

Trinity Episcopal church will hold a service of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Thursday. Rev. Thomas Droppers, Priest-in-Charge, will administer the sacrament.

At virtually all Kings Mountain area churches special services also featured the mid-week prayer services Wed. Young people of First Presbyterian church were in charge of a Thanksgiving service last evening.



GRADUATES — Freida McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McGinnis of Kings Mountain, has completed a general business and secretarial course at King's college in Charlotte.

School Engineer, Architects Confer

Architects for the projected Kings Mountain high school received preliminary engineering plans for the plant Tuesday, Superintendent of Schools B. N. Barnes said he was informed.

A representative of Marcus L. Durlach Associates, of Columbia, S. C., conferred with Architects Thomas H. Cothran and Fred van Wageningen concerning heating, cooling and plumbing installations.

Mr. Barnes said he was told, "There are some problems," and that school officials will be invited to confer with the architects and engineer on the plans in the near future.

Methodist Choir To Sing Cantata "Bethlehem" On Sunday Afternoon

The Central Methodist church choir will present "Bethlehem," a Christmas cantata by E. Cuthbert Nunn, Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. at the church.

A musical program which launches the Christmas season in Kings Mountain, is under direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, church organist.

Elon College Gave President Degree In '62

Lyndon Baines Johnson, 55, of Texas, became the nation's 36th president last Friday at approximately 2 p.m. EST last Friday, approximate hour of the death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, victim of an assassin's rifle fire.

President Johnson took the oath of office at 3:30 p.m. EST aboard the presidential plane, holding a Roman Catholic Bible and sworn by Judge Sarah T. Hughes, of Texas.

He is the first President to take the oath of office from a woman, and the first President from a Southern state since Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee, succeeded to the office in April 1865 at the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Johnson was a native of North Carolina.

President Johnson is a former majority leader of the U. S. Senate, member of the House of Representatives, and secretary for one-time Texas Congressman Richard Kleberg. As Vice-President, he has served as Mr. Kennedy's personal emissary to a dozen foreign countries, was chairman of the National Space Council, chairman of the President's Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, and chairman of the Advisory Council of the Peace Corps.

He served in the navy during World War II and won a decoration for gallantry in action in the South Pacific.

He won a degree at Southwest Texas State Teachers college and

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Were Assassin, Ruby Collusive?

Jack Rubenstein, alias Jack Ruby, a Dallas, Texas, night club operator, will be tried for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, 24, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

Rubenstein fatally wounded Oswald early Sunday afternoon as he was being moved from Dallas city jail to the county jail.

Oswald continually had denied he shot the President. He was also charged with murdering J. D. Tippitt, a Dallas police officer.

The nation currently is awaiting full reports on the investigation of the several murders by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which have been ordered by President Johnson.

Oswald was a professed "Marxist Communist" and had been identified with a "Fair Play for Castro" committee. He had sought to renounce his American citizenship, lived in Russia, then said he had changed his mind and was repatriated. He married a Russian and they have two little girls.

Elzie Bridges' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Elzie M. Bridges, 56, were held Friday at 3:30 p.m. from Chestnut Ridge Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Bridges died suddenly of a heart attack Thursday at 12:45 a.m. at his home. He was owner of Bridges Phillips 66 Service Station at the corner of King street and York Road. He was a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist church.

Rev. Dale Thornburg officiated at the final rites. Surviving Mr. Bridges are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Bobbitt Bridges; a son, Bobby Bridges of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Jack Rayfield and Mrs. Donald Connor of Kings Mountain and Miss Carol Bridges of the home; two brothers, Elbert Bridges of Kings Mountain and Archie Bridges of Gastonia; a sister, Mrs. Farzou Cunningham of Kings Mountain; and 10 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Elmer Ross, Harold Phillips, Will Huntsinger, Jimmy White, Jackie White, and Randy Alexander.