

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 1950.

City Envisions Tax Rate Cut; Tax Values To Jump

Business Development Firm Shows Profit; Taps Crawford

New Director, All Officers Are Elected

J. Wilson Crawford, realtor and Kings Mountain businessman, was re-elected president of Kings Mountain Business Development Corporation...



PRESIDENT—J. Wilson Crawford and all officers and directors were elected by the Kings Mountain Business Development Corporation at Tuesday's annual meeting.

Welfare Board Meets Monday

The Cleveland County Welfare Board will hold an organizational meeting Monday night at 7:30 in Shelby to elect a new chairman to succeed retiring chairman Emmett Matthews.

It is likely the board will reconsider its recent action in voting to close the Kings Mountain welfare branch, though Supt. Ben Carpenter said Wednesday he knew of "no new developments in the matter."

Shelby high school principal Wayne Caudill has been appointed to a three-year term on the board. The welfare board is made up of five members...

Mr. Caudill has been principal of Shelby high school since 1955, served previously as principal of Shelby Junior high school. He holds a bachelor's degree from ASTC, a master's degree from George Peabody college and has took graduate study at UNC.

Minimum Of 12 Teachers Needed

The Kings Mountain district schools require a minimum of 12 teachers for the coming year, Superintendent B. N. Barnes said Wednesday. They include: Four high school teachers; three at Kings Mountain high school for general science, commercial subjects and English; and one at Compact high school.

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FACULTY — Mrs. Tommy Burke, top above, and Miss Ellen Burke have joined the faculty of Trinity Day School for the coming year...

Day School Faculty Complete

The Trinity Day school has announced its opening dates for the 1964-65 school year. Classes for the Pre-School group (five-year-olds) will begin on September 7...

County Tax Rate Will Be \$1.19; Commissioners To Adopt Budget

The Cleveland County board of commissioners has adopted a general county tax rate of \$1.19 per \$100 valuation on a total county-wide property valuation estimate of \$175 million.

Meter Receipts From July '63 Reach \$10,075

City coffers were swelled \$10,075.94 during fiscal year 1963-1964 by motorists who parked at city parking meters. The meter funds included for overparking from on-street and off-street meters and from fines.

Soil Problems At School Site

The Kings Mountain board of education discussed a "soil" problem at site of the new district school at Monday night's regular monthly meeting. Awaiting detailed report from school engineers, the board speculated that shortening of the chimney stack, installation of a blower, or larger footings may eliminate soft dirt in spots of the gym and heating room area.

Benson To Speak To Rotarians

Dr. C. Robert Benson, president of Gaston Community college at Dallas, will address Kings Mountain Rotarians at their 12:15 meeting Thursday at the Country Club.

It's Moving Time At County Offices

Cleveland County commissioners Monday officially inspected and accepted the new \$140,000 county office building on N. C. 180 between U. S. 71 and U. S. 74-A. The approval was subject to the completion of minor construction items, and commissioners gave future occupants of the building permission to move in at their discretion and to notify the board when their moving will be completed.



INDUSTRIAL FIRMS WIN AWARDS — Charles Mauney, chairman of the Kings Mountain Red Cross blood program, presents engraved plaques to Clinton Jolly, superintendent of Carolina Throwing Company, and Neil O. Johnson, right, manager of Foote Mineral Company...

Throwing Firm Wins 1964 Award



SPEAKER—Dr. C. Robert Benson, president of the new Gaston Community College at Dallas, will address Kings Mountain Rotarians at their noon meeting Thursday.

Foote Mineral Was '63 Leader In Blood-Giving

Carolina Throwing Company employees boasted the highest percentage of blood donors during 1963-64 and received an engraved plaque, compliments of the Rotary club, Thursday. The Rotarians also presented the 1962-63 plaque, which had been on order, to Foote Mineral Company, the industry placing highest in the bloodmobile program that fiscal year.

New Garbage Law Is Under Fire By Some Citizens; Hearing Held

County commissioners say they're being swamped with complaints since the new rural garbage disposal and collection ordinance went into effect July 1. No changes were made in the ordinance by the commissioners at Monday's meeting but they discussed the complaints with the contract garbage haulers and health department officials.



— J. Broadus (Pop) Simmons has succeeded Ralph Elliott on the board of county commissioners.

Simmons Named To Commission

Broadus E. (Pop) Simmons has been appointed to the Cleveland County board of commissioners succeeding Ralph S. Elliott, resigned. Announcement of Simmons' appointment was made by Clerk of Superior Court J. W. Osborne whose duty and responsibility it is to appoint some person in case of resignation during an unexpired term.

School Bells Ring Again August 27

School bells are only one month away for Kings Mountain district pupils. For pupils, the 1964-65 term will begin with a half-day session on Thursday, August 27, and a full day of school on Friday, August 28. High school principal Harry E. Jaynes reports for duty July 31, all other principals on August 14, and all teachers on August 25.

\$1.50 Tax Rate Long In Vogue May Be Pared By 60-65 Cents

Though final figures are incomplete, the city envisions a \$7 million increase in taxable valuations, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr. said Wednesday, and a reduction in the tax rate for fiscal year 1964-65 from 60-65 cents.

Initial totaling indicates a taxable property total of \$20,500,000 compared to the 1963 tax base of \$13,212,861 and a 1962 tax base of \$12,088,597.

The \$1.50 tax rate, in vogue here since 1957, is expected to be set at .85 or .90 per \$100 valuation by the city board of commissioners Monday night at a special meeting at 6 p.m. in City Hall outroom, Mr. McDaniel said.

The new tax rate is expected to effect a cut of from 60-65 cents. Mr. McDaniel said the new budget for 1964-65 will be based on the \$20 million taxable property valuation.

The tax rate was cut from \$1.70 to \$1.50 during the fiscal year 1956-57.

Craftspun Yarns has become the city's largest taxpayer, with a property valuation of \$2,246,985. Burlington Mills, which last year held the top position, is now second largest, with valuation of \$1,083,282. Carolina Throwing Company is third at \$205,095. Mauney Mills is fourth at \$937,753; and Mauney Hosiery Mills is fifth at \$447,515.

Most of the taxable property increase will be derived from the industrial and business categories and the expansions of several plants accounting for the jump. Property valuations for businesses approximates \$9,054,075; or white citizens \$9,859,347; and colored citizens \$515,363. Mr. McDaniel added.

Bethware Fair Plans Underway

The Bethware Progressive club arboree, which heralds the opening of the Bethware Fair, will be held Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Bethware school. The fair, which will open Cleveland County's season, will be Sept. 14-19 on the grounds of the school. Cameron Ware, fair manager, announced that R. C. Lee Rides will be featured similarly to fairs of the past decade.

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Band Drills Begin Here August 10

The Kings Mountain high school band will begin drills for the full marching season on August 10, with the first meeting to be held at 6 p.m. in the school band room, director Joe C. Hedden has announced. Mr. Hedden requests that all members be present for this first meeting and to notify their fellow bandsmen. The early drills are necessary in order to train new members in the fundamentals of drilling, to learn new music, issue uniforms, and to begin training for the first football showing.