

## Population

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320  
City Limits 8,008

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# School Body Adopts New Pupil Assignment Plan

## Filing Deadline Monday At 4:30; 29 Registered

Candidates for city elective and board of education offices have until Monday at 4:30 p.m. to file their intention with the city clerk's office and post filing fees. No new candidates entered the political arena this week. All candidates for city and board of education offices have opposition and 19 candidates seek six City Hall and two board of education positions.

Voter registration books will be open for two more Saturdays from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at eight polling places.

Although voter registration has been negligible, registrars report "a good deal of interest." Mrs. Vera Cole Cash, Ward IV registrar, noted that activity has been good at her precinct as many citizens have checked to see if they're properly registered. Other registrars echoed her statement.

Twenty-nine new names were added to the pollbooks Saturday, an incomplete survey at the eight precincts revealed. Ward I registrar C. L. Black reported the addition of two new names, Ward II registrar R. D. Goforth reported addition of two new names, Mrs. Ruth Bowers reported the addition of nine in Ward III where she is registrar, Mrs. Cash reported 11 new registrations in Ward IV, Mrs. Paul Patterson reported three new registrations in Ward V, and Grover registrar Mrs. James Scruggs reported two. No new registrations were reported by Mrs. Frank Ware in the Bethware precinct.

At the three outside city precincts — Bethware, Grover and Park Grace — voters will help determine only the election of two members of the board of education. At Grover Rescue Squad building, citizens of the Grover school district will register and vote. At Park Grace school, citizens living in the Park Grace-Compact section of the school district will register and vote, and at Bethware school citizens living in the Bethware area section of the school district will register and vote.

All other ward voting places are the same as applied in the May 1963 city election.

It is not anticipated that voter registration will be heavy as an all-new registration was held two years ago. New citizens must register to vote. Citizens who have changed residence within the community must obtain transfers.

The candidate list to date:  
For Mayor — Mayor Glee A. Bridges, Ex-Mayor Kelly Dixon and John Henry Moss.

For Ward 1 Commissioner — Comm. Ray Cline and Ex-Mayor Garland E. Still.

For Ward 2 Commissioner — Comm. Eugene Goforth, W. S. Biddix and Thomas B. Eubanks.

For Ward 3 Commissioner — Comm. T. J. Ellison and James L. Guyton.

For Ward 4 Commissioner — Comm. Norman King and Dewey Stivers.

For Ward 5 Commissioner — Comm. J. E. Rhea, O. O. Walker and Benjamin F. Brown.

For Board of Education — Mrs. Lena Ware McGill, incumbent, and Robert (Bob) Smith.

For Board of Education (outside city district) — B. Holmes Harry, incumbent, and Mrs. Verlee Roberts.

## Moss Is Choice For VFV Post

A trial heat? John Henry Moss, candidate for mayor, will be judge advocate of Kings Mountain VFV Post 9811, as a result of Monday's annual election in which Moss was elected over the other nominee, mayor Glee A. Bridges.

Lafayette Pearson, Southern Bell service man, was elected commander to succeed Earl Stroupe, Sr. All new officers will be installed May 3 and will assume new duties in June following the state convention.

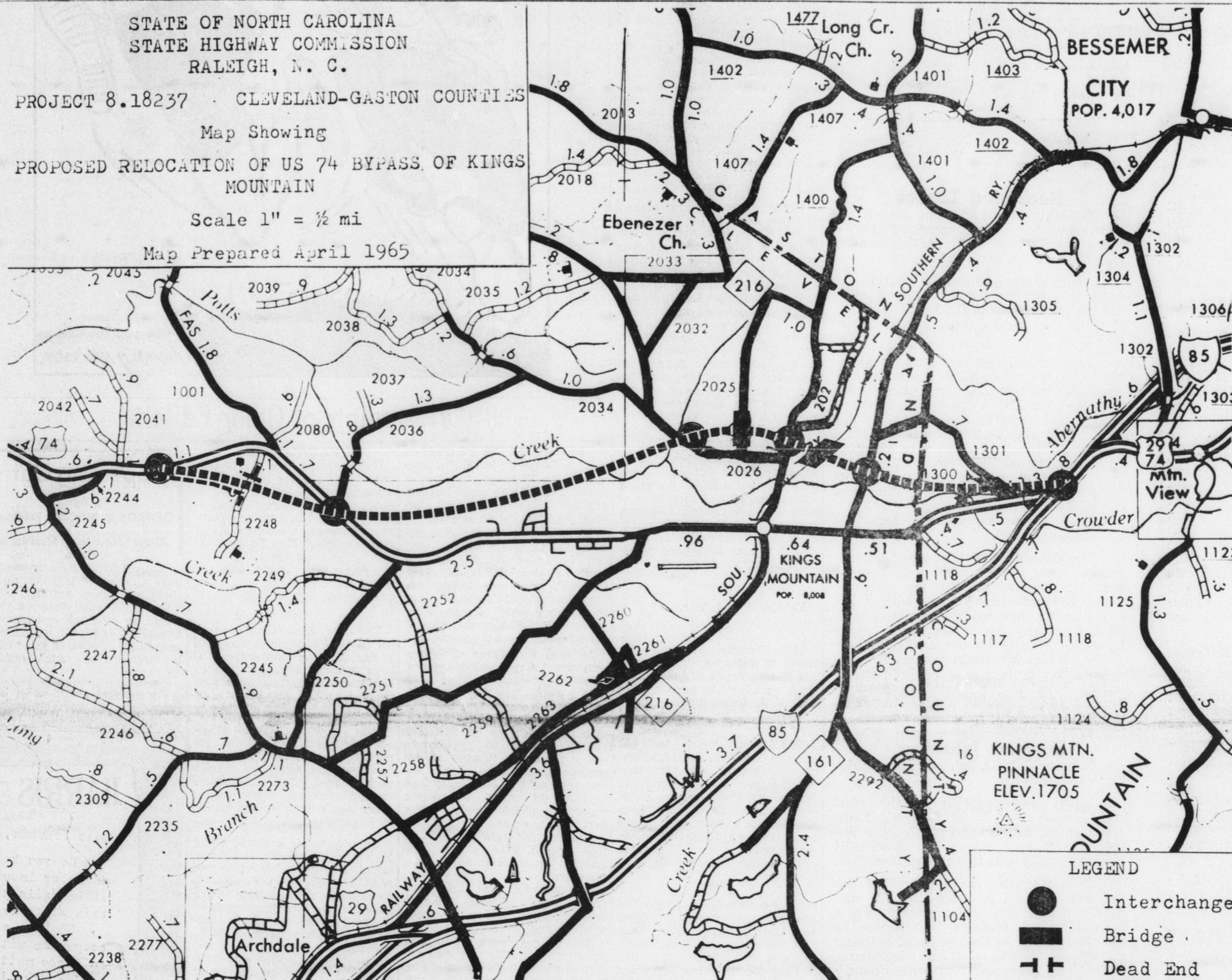
Other officers elected were: Earl Stroupe, Jr., senior vice commander; Paul Ham, junior vice commander; Harold Glass, quartermaster and adjutant; Marlon Dixon, chaplain; and Marvin Goforth, surgeon.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION  
RALEIGH, N. C.

PROJECT 8.18237 CLEVELAND-GASTON COUNTIES  
Map Showing  
PROPOSED RELOCATION OF US 74 BYPASS OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

Scale 1" = 1/2 mi

Map Prepared April 1965



## Free Option Plan Chosen; Details Given

By MARTIN HARMON

The Kings Mountain board of education Wednesday adopted a "free option" pupil assignment plan designed to meet the requirements of the 1964 federal civil rights act.

Under the plan, all parents of school children will be sent a form on which they will be asked to designate first and second choices of schools they prefer their children to attend.

In turn, the board declares, "the choices will be honored insofar as space, transportation facilities, instructional programs, and special needs of pupils and staff are met."

Where assignment is necessary without the listed choices of the parents, the board states, assignment preference will be accorded on basis of the particular child's proximity to the particular school and in consideration of the special needs of the pupil. The statement continues, "If no choice is made, the child will be assigned the school he last attended, or to the nearest school which has the instructional program the child requires, and providing the school is not overcrowded."

Of staff and faculty, the board declares, "It is the intention of the board to develop a policy whereby the staff and professional personnel will be employed on basis of competency, training, and experience, with assignments to be made on a non-discriminatory basis."

Introduction to the pupil assignment plan is a review of the Kings Mountain school district's situation as of today, including number of schools, classrooms, and school populations by race and grade, as well as other information.

Concerning the staff and faculty, the statement relates that Kings Mountain schools currently hold the integrated faculty meetings, and that the teaching supervisor, attendance counselor, and driver education teachers work at all schools, as their services are required.

The new pupil assignment policy is designed to comply with Title VI of the 1964 civil rights act which requires that race be no criteria on the assignment to school of any pupil.

North Carolina was one of nine states promising compliance with the new law first approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Kings Mountain's plan will be sent to the State Department of Public Instruction, and, if approved, will be forwarded to HEW.

The board held a long "work session" on the plan Monday night and completed it Wednesday morning.

Supt. B. N. Barnes commented, "We have worked long and hard to get a good plan that meets both the letter and spirit of the law. It is my feeling the Kings Mountain plan will be approved."

Federal monies for various school functions will be withheld after July 1 for schools which have not executed agreements with the Health, Education and Welfare department.

## Pigeon Is Guest Of P. H. Wilsons

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Wilson have had a guest for the past several days in the person of what they think is a homing pigeon.

The Wilsons noted the pigeon hovering about and he appeared quite tame. Mrs. Wilson put out some bird food and the pigeon wolfed the food down, leading Mrs. Wilson to comment, "He seemed pretty hungry."

Later Mr. Wilson picked up the pigeon, found a piece of string attached to one leg, and an identification tag wrapped around the other. The metal tag bore the inscription "Richmond, Va., No. 1998157."

Is it really a homing pigeon, taking a rest along the route? The Herald suggested the Wilsons write the Richmond Times-Dispatch for information. Meantime, the pigeon remained the Wilsons' guest in their Waco Road yard. At least, he was still there Tuesday.

# Hearing To Be May 5th on US 74 By-Pass

## Gerald A. Munson Dies Suddenly



RITES HELD — Funeral rites for Gerald Arthur Munson were held Tuesday from St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

## Lithium Official Died On Monday Of Heart Attack

Funeral rites for Gerald Arthur Munson, 54, were held Monday at 4 a.m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church, of which he was a member.

Rev. Charles Easley, his pastor, officiated at the final rites and interment was to be in Rapid City, South Dakota following rites there.

Mr. Munson succumbed suddenly of a heart attack Monday morning at 4 a.m. at his home at 917 Sharon Drive.

A native of Custer, South Dakota, Mr. Munson was a graduate of Custer high school and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology at Rapid City. A mining engineer, he came to Kings Mountain five years ago as director of technical services at Bessemer City's Lithium Corporation of America plant.

In Kings Mountain, Mr. Munson was president of the Rotary club, was a member and Councilman of St. Matthew's Lutheran church and attended services at the church on Easter Sunday. He was a Mason and Shriner. He was a member of the National

## New Projection Extends Road To 7.3 Miles

By MARTIN HARMON

Public hearing on the projected U. S. 74 by-pass will be held Wednesday morning, May 5, at 11 a.m., at the Kings Mountain Armory.

Meantime, the State Highway Commission has posted a map of the indicated route — somewhat different from an earlier projection — at the Cleveland and Gaston County courthouses, and one has been provided Mayor Glee A. Bridges and can be seen at his office.

Division Engineer W. W. Wyke termed the new map another corridor projection and acknowledged it is "rough" — meaning not too exact.

Principal changes from the report of several months ago are locations of the terminal points, both extended much farther than the 3.13 mile road initially planned. The latest projection, and the one to be considered at the May 5 public hearing, calls for a four-lane limited access thruway of 7.3 miles.

The new project envisions:

1) The east take-off point will be east by one-quarter mile of the US 29-74 interchange.

2) The west take-off point will be about eight-tenths of a mile west of Bethware school.

3) The thruway will intersect with present U. S. 74 at county road 2036, then proceed westward to the south of Bethware school.

Interchanges other than at terminal points are located on Highway 85.

## Bids Are Invited For New Stadium

## \$80,000 Goal Is \$3,487.61 Distant

Bids for the construction of the John Gamble Stadium at the new high school plant have been invited and will be received and opened at 2 p.m., May 4, at the office of the superintendent of schools.

Majority of cost of the stadium is being donated by Kings Mountain area industries, businesses, and individual citizens.

Actual cash-in-hand and pledges to the John Gamble Stadium Fund totaled \$76,512.39 this week, shy by \$3,487.61 the goal of \$80,000 to build a 4,000 seat football stadium.

Charles F. Harry, III, of Grover, fund treasurer, reported cash-in-hand of \$37,510.27 and pledges of \$39,002.12.

"We'll make it," Mr. Harry commented, and he invited other citizens who had not contributed to forward their checks to him this week so that the drive may be completed as soon as possible.

Treasurer Harry learned Wednesday, however, the stadium fund is \$1500 less than he had first reported. Early in the campaign an anonymous pledge of

## Ex-Commissioner C. S. William's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Charles S. Williams, 68, were held Monday at 2 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

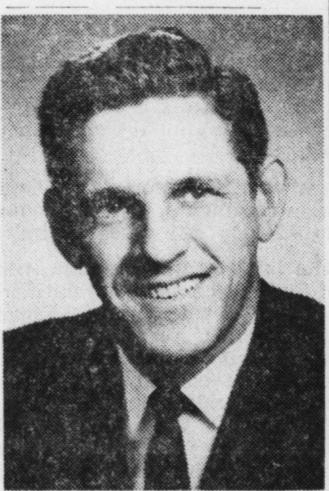
Mr. Williams, Kings Mountain native, died Friday night in Veterans Hospital at Johnson City, Tenn. He was a textile machinery salesman, veteran of World War I and a member of Central Methodist church. He was Ward 4 city commissioner, 1941-43.

He was the son of the late Jesse and Harriett Elizabeth Pendley Williams of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha Martindell Williams of Winston Salem; one son, Charles Williams, Jr. of Greenville, S. C.; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Dittmar of Winter Park, Fla.; one brother, Smyre Williams of Cocoa, Fla., and five sisters, Mrs. Lillian Hendricks Walker of Morehead City, Mrs. F. G. Waterson of Shelby, Mrs. Catherine Shuford Davies of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Ethel Munch of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Stanley Huffman of Columbus, Ohio. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

Rev. Howard Jordan officiated at the final rites.

TO ASHEVILLE  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mauldin, managers of Kings Mountain Country Club, will attend the club manager's convention in Asheville Monday. The club will be closed following the Sunday buffet until Tuesday.



PROMOTED — Clarence L. Jolly, Kings Mountain native, has been appointed Charlotte district sales manager for American Home Foods.

## Jolly Wins Sales Promotion

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