

**Population**

Greater Kings Mountain 10,320

City Limits 8,256

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 1955.

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## Commission To Proceed With Public Housing Project

### Water Grant Bid In Three Phases

### Johnny Chapman Condition Serious

### Robbery Victim Charlie Wells Dies Of Wounds

Johnny Chapman, 26, one of two Park Inn Grill employees gunned down by robbers late Wednesday night, remains in serious condition at Kings Mountain hospital.

Chapman underwent an operation this week for removal of an intestine and is showing some improvement, his attending physician, Dr. George Plonk, said Wednesday.

Meantime, York County, S. C. officials were still investigating the Wednesday night shooting and robbery which resulted in the death of Charlie W. Wells, 62, longtime employee of the Park Inn, and a second break-in of the South Carolina grill early Friday morning.

The Park Inn, owned by Darwin D. McCarter and his son, Charles A. McCarter, formerly known as "The Bear Den", is located on S. C. 161, 200 yards from the Cleveland County line near Kings Mountain National Military Park.

According to the York County Sheriff's Department Wells and Chapman were shot and robbed about midnight last Wednesday as they were closing for the night. Wells suffered a pistol wound in the head and died Christmas Day. His funeral rites were held Tuesday afternoon from Bethany ARP church.

Chapman was felled by a shotgun blast in the back.



MASTER — Bobby C. Bridges has been installed as Master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM for the coming year.

### Bridges Named Lodge Master

Bobby C. Bridges has been installed as Worshipful Master of Fairview Lodge AF & AM for the coming year. He succeeds R. Howard Bridges.

The new officers were installed in ceremonies open to the public on Monday night at Masonic Hall.

Other Lodge officers for 1967 include: H. Don Falls, Senior Warden; William E. Sellers, Junior Warden; Thomas D. Tindall, secretary; R. Black Leonard, secretary; Alex D. Owens, Tyler; William C. Kelly, Senior Deacon; Jessie Morehead, Junior Deacon; Billy Hawkins, Senior Steward; Marvin R. Caveny, Junior Steward; and R. Howard Bridges, three-year trustee. Continuing trustees will be B. Manley Hayes, Jr. and Ralph Harrison.

The new Master has also appointed committees for the year including: H. Don Falls and William E. Sellers to the committee on charity; Norman Bumgardner, S. Houston Wolfe and I. C. Davis to the committee on reference; R. Howard Bridges, W. Parks Sarvice and David S. Dellinger to the committee on Oxford Orphanage; T. Frank Ballard, J. Ralph Harrison and Paul Owens to the committee on Masonic education; Alex D. Owens, Carl M. Logan and James B. Simpson to the committee on finances; A. W. Kincaid, D. E. Tate and R. Black Leonard to the committee on Eastern Star; J. Hobart Dye, B. Manley Hayes Jr., and Fred Wright Jr., to the building committee; and Bobby C. Bridges, H. Donald Falls and William E. Sellers to the ladies' night committee.

Named to the DeMolay Advisory committee were Sellers, Emmett Ross, Floyd O. Caveny, Marvin Caveny and John Hardin.

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### Engineer Says Complete Plans Due January 9

By MARTIN HARMON

The city has been advised by officials of the Atlanta regional office, Department of Housing and Urban Development, to apply for a federal grant for water system development in three phases.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the Atlanta officials frankly stated they have limited funds for water grants for remainder of the fiscal year ending next June 30.

The advice means that the city will seek a grant for up to 50 percent of the \$1,035,000 cost of the first phase, which would include building of a dam (\$320,000), pumpage (\$75,000) and 40,000 feet of 24-inch transmission line (\$650,000).

It was also suggested that application be appended for Phase II, a treatment or filtration plant capable of purifying for human consumption three million gallons daily and estimated to cost \$400,000. (Phase III is for dam 2, estimated to cost \$1,135,000).

Mayor Moss said W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting engineer, has promised complete plans for Phases I and 2 by January 9 and it is anticipated the formal application will be filed in Atlanta the following day.

Meantime, the Mayor said he was taking steps to see what aid might be obtained from other agencies, particularly the Soil Conservation department, and announced Wednesday afternoon the city commission, Senator Jack White and Representative-elect W. K. Mauney, Jr., will confer on the problem of the city's water supply Friday at noon with United States Representative Basil L. Whitener.

Conference with Soil Conservation officials has been scheduled for next Wednesday.

With consumption here nearing the capacity of the city's treatment plant (rated capacity two million gallons daily) and with reservoirs' level diminished due to the less-than-normal rainfall of the past six months, city officials foresee a touch-and-go supply situation next year should the summer of 1967 prove as dry as the recent one.

### Herald Headlines Recap Year '66

#### Christmas Season Meter Take \$570

City parking meter receipts for the two weeks ending Wednesday indicated a fast pace of business activity during the peak of the Christmas shopping season.

The two week total was \$570.95, exclusive of the total for the off-street lot at Cherokee and Mountain streets.

#### Trial Thursday For Colvard

Trial is scheduled in Cleveland County Recorder's Court Thursday for a Kings Mountain man allegedly involved in a shooting incident Christmas night at Kings Mountain Brick, Inc.

Robert Colvard, 53, an employee of the firm is charged with public drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon. He is free on \$200 bond.

Sheriff's Deputies Cecil Murray and Bobby Putnam investigated and made the arrest.

Deputy Murray said Colvard was in the building and came out immediately when called. He added, "He gave us no trouble. He was carrying a .32-caliber pistol."

Deputy Murray said he understood Colvard was on duty to superintend the brick plant's motors.

Don McGinnis, general manager of the brick manufacturer, declined comment, except to say that Colvard had been employed by the firm about three months and had proved a "good workman."

#### Shotgunning Case On Thursday Docket

The three Kings Mountain men indicted on charges of shotgunning the Mid-Pines community home of Odis Greene will face a preliminary hearing Thursday (today) in Cleveland Recorder's Court.

All three — William Anderson McGinnis, 21, Roger Connor, 21, and Arthur Sprouse, 20, are free on bond, according to investigating officer Deputy C. A. (Gus) Huffstetler.

All three are charged with conspiring to damage real property. McGinnis is also charged with real property. Connor and Sprouse are charged with aiding and abetting in damage to real property.

If probable cause is found in the case, the trio will be bound over for trial in Superior Court.

Members of the Greene family were asleep in their home the evening of December 14th when the picture window of the home, they told the investigating officer.

### Stoterau Home From Vietnam

Marine Corps Sgt. E-5 John H. Stoterau of Kings Mountain arrived home from Vietnam December 22 for a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Stoterau.

Sgt. Stoterau will leave Jan. 15 for Hawaii, where he will serve as sergeant-of-guard at a naval ammunition depot on the island of Oahu.

Stoterau was on duty in Vietnam for 10 months, during which time he served as a squad leader. He has been in the Marines for three and one-half years.

### Eight Events Top News Here During Year

Without attempt to place them in order of importance, the Kings Mountain Herald news staff rates the following events as the outstanding news stories of 1966:

Approval of the 7.3 mile U. S. 4 by-pass.

Consolidation of previously all Negro Compact high school with Kings Mountain high school.

Kings Mountain's VFW baseball teamers placed third in the nation.

The 186th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain, highlighted by the address of Secretary of the Navy Paul H. Nitze, the mammoth parade, performances of the Golden Knights and Green Berets.

The death of Pvt. Christopher Brooks, first Kings Mountain serviceman to lose his life in Viet Nam.

Two Kings Mountain men — Senator Jack White and Representative-elect W. K. Mauney, Jr. — elected to the North Carolina General Assembly.

\$1,300,000 city sewage bonds authorized by 42 to 1 margin.

A heavy incidence of deaths of citizens and former citizens, and many of them prominent in business and other endeavors.

There was, as usual, more good news than unpleasant.

A special census revealed Kings Mountain had gained 246 to 8256.

There were several city limits extensions, at owners' request, including further spill-overs into Gaston county.

The summer clean-up campaign resulted in improved appearance of the city, which, by presence of a \$257,000 surplus, had adopted a record \$1,320,000 budget.

The United Fund topped its goal for the first time and citizens contributed liberally to the Empty Stocking Fund.

Personal honors accrued to: Charles H. Mauney, Jaycee Man of the Year; Don Crawford, awarded the Boy Scout Silver Beaver; Charles D. Blanton, installed as president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association; Charles Alexander, elected president of the National Postmaster's club; Miss Linda Sherman, named Miss Shelby; and Miss Reta Vollbracht, named Miss Kings Mountain.

A. P. Warlick, Kings Mountain contractor, and Mrs. Warlick died within hours of each other.

Other well-known citizens claimed by death were Mrs. Lona White McGill, J. K. Willis, Conrad Hughes, ex-Mayor Glee A. Bridges, M. A. Ware, Rev. Max Brandon, T. J. Timms, Ben R. Willoford, C. E. Neisler, Jr., L. Arnold Kiser, Clarence S. Plonk, David Putnam, Paul Byers, Ben H. Bridges, and Lawrence L. Lohr.

Former well-known citizens claimed by death were Dr. P. D. Patrick of Black Mountain; Dr. Laura Plonk of Asheville; Mrs. Katherine Falls Frazier of Staes.

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### Stores Will Close On Monday, Jan. 2

Monday, January 2 will be a holiday for most Kings Mountain retailers and their employees, financial institutions, and the city postoffice.

City of Kings Mountain offices will also be closed on Saturday morning.

School bells will ring again for Kings Mountain district pupils on Tuesday, January 3.

### Logans Moving To Myrtle Beach

Mrs. W. B. Logan has joined the firm of H. B. Springs Real Estate & Insurance Company of Myrtle Beach, S. C., and she and her husband are moving within the next few days.

Since 1939, Mrs. Logan has operated her own tax accounting firm in their residence here and has handled tax forms and bookkeeping for a large number of Kings Mountain citizens.

This week Mrs. Logan announced the sale of her office equipment to M. A. Walden of Shelby, tax accountant, and said she had turned over all her tax records and clients' information to him.

Mrs. Logan will open an office at 704 West King street, next door to Kings Mountain hospital, January 4th, Mrs. Logan said.

Mrs. Logan said Mr. Walden will offer a more broader service, including bookkeeping, setting up of new books or accounts, auditing, profit and loss and financial statements, and income tax forms.

### Empty Stocking Fund Of \$3,428: \$2,119 Cash, \$1309 Merchandise

Kings Mountain's Empty Stocking Fund for 1966 swelled to \$3,428.34, according to report of Rev. C. R. Goodson, project chairman for the Greater Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

The total gifts represent cash donations of \$2,119.34 and gifts of clothing and toys totaling \$1,309.00 from downtown business firms.

In addition, there were numerous gifts of used toys and clothing and a special donation was taken by Kings Mountain Kiwanians at their Christmas-week meeting.

Gifts not previously reported included:

Kings Mountain Drug Company, toys ..... \$30.00  
Roses' Stores, toys ..... 9.00  
Modern Cleaners, cleaning of used clothing ..... 5.00  
K Mills ..... 50.00

Circle 2 of Kings Mountain Baptist Church ..... \$3.50  
Jake Hord Grocery ..... 2.00  
Maple Leaf Store ..... 25.00  
Company ..... 25.00  
Kings Mountain Farm Center ..... 5.00  
Young Adult Class, Central Methodist Church ..... 20.00  
Duplex Shannon ..... 25.00  
Dellinger's ..... 25.00  
City of Kings Mountain ..... 200.00  
Bob Southwell ..... 5.00  
Lois Class of Kings Mountain Baptist Church ..... 10.00  
McGill Clinic ..... 5.00  
Community Grocery ..... 5.00  
Gault's Grocery ..... 5.00  
Stroup's Barber Shop ..... 5.00  
Mrs. L.P. Baker, Jr. .... 10.00  
W.M.U. Oak View Baptist Church ..... 3.00  
Bennett Brick & Tile Co. .... 25.00  
Mrs. Clarence Padgett ..... 10.00  
Harris-Teeter Super Market ..... 15.00

### East KM Tract Is Annexed

Kings Mountain is spilling over into Gaston County.

By action of the city commission Tuesday, a 13.41 acre tract, the property of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Alexander, has been annexed into the city limits.

The annexation was approved following a public hearing which brought no opposition from other property owners.

In East Kings Mountain, the Alexander property is on Henry street.



WINS BRONZE STAR — Staff Sergeant Bobbie K. Sellers, right, of Kings Mountain, was recently presented the Bronze Star Medal for "distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Viet Nam during the period October 1965 to September 1966." Colonel Henry F. Fancy is presenting the award. Sgt. Sellers, a medical corpsman, and his family live at 705 Jackson street. He is now on duty at the army hospital, Fort Jackson, S. C. (Photo by SP-5 Curly Mays, Fort Jackson.)

### No Objections Are Offered At Hearing

The city board of commissioners passed resolutions Tuesday night to proceed on a public housing project and to authorize the Mayor to appoint a five-member Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

Action came following the required public hearing, at which no voice was raised in objection.

Mayor John Henry Moss said he anticipated naming the five-member board within a week.

While it will be in the province of the Public Housing Authority to make the decision, it is likely it will apply for approximately 200 dwelling units, based on a recent survey by the Community Planning Division, North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, 817 Kings Mountain residential dwellings to be sub-marginal, some of them in the category of "derelict."

When the PHA body is appointed, it will incorporate then make application to the Housing Assistance Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, for approval of a specified number of dwelling units, and for a loan for planning.

Actual financing is by Public Housing Authority bonds, issued for a 40-year period, and guaranteed for payment by the federal government.

At an average cost of \$10,500 to \$13,000 per unit, a 200-unit development would represent an estimated \$2,400,000.

Only audience spokesman at Tuesday night's hearing was Martin Harmon, chairman of the Mayor's advisory committee on minority housing, recapped at the Mayor's request prior recommendations of the 13-member committee 1) to call the public hearing and 2) to proceed on the public housing program.

"Particular grounds for the recommendation are the Community Planning survey and the personal knowledge of the committee members of derelict housing," Mr. Harmon said.

A petition urging the commission to proceed on the project had been filed and bore the signatures of 25 citizens.

### Prizes Await First Arrival Of 1967

Who will be Kings Mountain's first 1967 new arrival?

Whoever he or she may be, time will only tell, but 10 Kings Mountain firms are ready to salute the new arrival with gifts.

A complete list of the firms and gifts awaiting the first stork passenger are listed in a two-page advertisement in today's Herald.

Rules for participation in the Kings Mountain Herald's 12th annual baby derby contest are:

- 1) Winning baby must be born in this area.
- 2) Parents must be residents of this area.
- 3) Exact time of birth must be specified in written statement by attending physician.
- 4) All applications must be received at the Herald by January 10.
- 5) In the event of a tie, award will be distributed at the discretion of the committee in charge.

The 1966 First-Baby was Roger Dale Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Junior Oliver, of 831 Church street. The sixth child of the Olivers, their third boy, arrived at Kings Mountain hospital just three hours and 53 minutes after the New Year.

Dr. Charles Adams was the attending physician.

### Listing of Taxes To Start Tuesday

Annual county and city tax listing will begin Tuesday and will continue through February 2.

J. Edwin Moore is tax lister for Number 4 Township and assistants are Mrs. Charles Ballard, Mrs. Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., and Mrs. Steve Harmon. Mrs. Harmon is also the tax lister for the City of Kings Mountain.

Marcus Beam is Number 5 Township tax lister.

The listing schedule at City Hall has been changed slightly this year, County Tax Supervisor Robert S. Gidney noted, and will provide a slightly longer listing schedule at Grover.

The listing personnel will be at Kings Mountain City Hall Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will be at City Hall each Wednesday morning until noon and also all day on Saturdays, January 24 and 28.

Listing personnel will be at Grover Rescue Squad Building each Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock and also at Grover all day on Saturdays, January 7 and 14.

In Number 5, Mr. Beam will be at Waters Store all day Tuesday, at Four-Point Store all day Wednesday, at Ware's Store on January 5 and at Eaker's Store on January 6. For the remainder of the listing period he will be at Beam's Store. His hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Gidney said the listing requirements are the same as previously.

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### Some PHA Quiz Answers

Q. Are Public Housing projects taxable?

A. No. However, the project does pay 10 per cent of the rental income to the city in lieu of taxes, for the normal services that the tax dollar provides.

Q. Does the Federal Government own and operate the project?

A. No. The local housing authority, appointed by the Mayor, owns and operates the project.

Q. Are the projects slums or potential slums?

A. No. The projects are architect designed as subdivisions of type apartments, town house or high rise buildings as the need may require. The units are designed for a 40 year life and re-

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### West Point Cadet Phillip Bunch None Worse For "Beast Barracks"

By MARTIN HARMON

United States Military Academy Cadet Bunch, P. S., Class of '70, survived "Beast Barracks", has made passing grades, failed to be chosen for the plebe football squad by one man and looks none the worse for wear after nearly six months at West Point.

Cadet Bunch is not sure, nor has the record been checked, but he may be the first Kings Mountain cadet at the venerable service academy.

He is not, however, the first cadet from Number 4 Township. He met recently Second Classman (junior) Larry Fulton, of Bethlehem Road, Grover.

Cadet Bunch was appointed to the Academy by U. S. Representative Basil L. Whitener. His academic courses include mathematics (he finds this his toughest subject) with instruction in integral calculus, college trigonometry, and analytical geometry, engineering fundamentals (mechanical drawing, machine parts design, and computer programming, environment (a combination of geography and sociology), French, and military instruction (history of the army from its founding to Viet Nam, platoon tactics).

Computer programming is an addition during the current year and Chinese, with 27 students, is being offered for the first time by the foreign language department.

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### Davidson Lake Level Rises

Two rains and a slight snow, as well as diminished industrial consumption during the Christmas holidays, have improved the city's water supply materially.

At Davidson Lake, the city's auxiliary supply, the water level had raised to a point estimated to provide four million gallons over the low point — when the Davidson Lake supply was estimated at 12 million gallons.

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