

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 1965.

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House-to-House Invitations For Liquor Vote Petitions

New Totals On Signatures Not Available

By MARTIN HARMON
Circulation of petitions in Kings Mountain seeking an election on the question of legalizing sale of liquor and beer-wine for off-premises consumption continues.

Determination of the number of persons who have signed the petition could not be learned Wednesday, as a call-in for counting had not been made. Some 40 copies of the petition are being circulated.

However, a spokesman for the Citizens Committee for Legal Control (of the sale of alcoholic beverages) said the petitioners will make a house-to-house canvass inviting citizens to sign before the petitions are forwarded to the city board of commissioners with request it, as the city elections board, authenticates the signatures by a check against the city's election registration books.

He added identity of the Citizens Committee for Legal Control will be announced after petition-signing is completed and the petitions presented.

Meantime, Senator Marshall Rauch, who on his own initiative, is conducting a poll of citizens in Gaston and Cleveland counties, reported replies through the weekend showed a 3 to 2 margin "dry" — many of those answering of the "bone dry" thinking. This group would outlaw sale of alcoholic beverages throughout the state.

A news report in Tuesday's Charlotte Observer reported an effort similar to Kings Mountain's underway in Cabarrus County. An opinion had been advanced that ABC and beer-wine elections could not be held simultaneously.

Last week, it was reported some 800 persons had signed the Kings Mountain petition, apparently, if the signatures are authenticated, well over the number required to legally force a referendum on the beer-wine sale question.

ABC store elections for cities are set by legislative act. When the petition-signing is concluded, the petitions will be presented to the legislative delegation as evidence Kings Mountain citizens want to vote on the ABC question.

Senator White's Appointments

As of Monday, Senator Jack H. White, of Kings Mountain, had been appointed to seven committees by Lieutenant-Governor Bob Scott.

In addition to chairmanship of the committee on counties, cities and towns, Senator White was named vice-chairman of Judiciary II and also the committee on salaries and fees.

Other committees on which Senator White will serve are retirement and employment security, congressional redistricting, election laws, and propositions and grievances.

Propositions and grievances handles liquor legislation, a major issue of the current General Assembly. Rep. W. K. Mauney, Jr., is on the comparable committee in the House of Representatives.

With a federal court order to redistrict the federal House districts, the redistricting committee also anticipates a busy session.

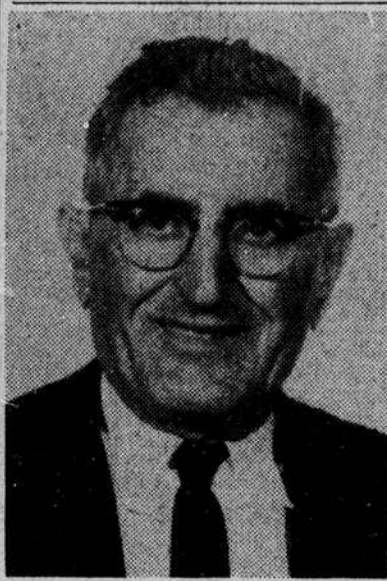
It was anticipated Senator White would be named to at least one additional committee—either appropriations or finance — it being customary for each senator to sit on either one or the other.

Meredith Alumni Plan To Organize

Meredith College alumni of Gaston county will hold an organization dinner meeting at the Gaston Country Club on March 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. Margaret Martin, alumni secretary, will speak to the group.

Co-Chairmen for the meeting are Mrs. Larry Hamrick, phone 864-5041, and Mrs. John Harris, phone 865-8141, who invite Kings Mountain area Meredith alumni to attend. Dinner reservations are requested by March 2.



NOTES BIRTHDAY — Sam R. Suber observed his 82nd birthday Monday. He is recuperating from surgery at Gaston Memorial hospital.

82nd Birthday For Sam Suber

Samuel Robert Suber, 82, retired cemetery superintendent, observed his 82nd birthday Monday.

Members of his family and a large number of friends gathered in his hospital room at Gaston Memorial hospital where he is recuperating from an operation. Mr. Suber, who has been hospitalized 10 days following surgery, is doing well, members of his family report.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon in the mountains of Syria in 1885, Sam Suber came to the United States in 1906 at the age of 21. After a short stay in Gaffney, S. C., with his brother, Salem Suber, he moved to Kings Mountain and here established the Candy Kitchen where Eagle Five & Ten Stores is now located. In 1918 he married Artie Parlier.

Mr. Suber was employed as Mountain Rest cemetery superintendent 25 years.

Members of his family include his son, S. R. Suber, Jr., Mrs. Suber and their two sons, S. R. Suber III and Claude; his daughters, Mrs. Humes Houston, Mr. Houston and Samuel Humes Houston, Jr.; and Mrs. Carl V. Wiesener, Mr. Wiesener, Carl, Jr., Robert and Nancy Marion; and his two stepdaughters, Mrs. Nell C. Cranford and Mrs. Joe Foster and Mr. Foster.

Among Mr. Suber's gifts on his birthday was a decorated cake from family members.

Easley Man Hurt In Wreck

Louis E. Howard, of Easley, S. C., was injured Monday just before noon when his car slammed into the back of a Grover fire truck.

Howard was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital but later transferred to the Greenville, S. C. hospital.

The fire truck reportedly on a call and proceeding north of I-85 was attempting to turn left when it was struck in the rear by the northbound Howard vehicle.

Highway Patrolman J. R. Reid, who investigated the accident, charged Howard with following too closely. He also estimated damages to the fire truck at \$1,000 and \$800 to the Howard vehicle.

All-Winning KMHS Boys Cagers Clinch Division Championship

By GARY STEWART
Kings Mountain's undefeated Mountaineers (18-0) clinched the Southwest 3-A Conference championship Tuesday night at Belmont and are now awaiting the annual Northwest-Southwest Tournament which will be held on March 3-9 at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory.

As the SWC champs, the Mountaineers will play the fourth place team in the Northwest Conference, Saturday night, March 4, at 9.

Coach Don Parker's cagers are setting a school record every time they win a game, and should they win 21, will break the record of most wins in one season (20), set by the 1965 team which also won the conference championship.

The Mountaineers have two conference games remaining, playing home games against Cherryville Friday and East Rutherford Tuesday. Thanks to (Continued on Page Eight)

Bloodmobile Emergency Visit Here On Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile returns to Kings Mountain Monday for an emergency visit.

Donors will be processed from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

Blood program officials here were hopeful that Monday's collection would be a record one and that the normal visit quota of 150 pints of blood would be surpassed.

"We're badly behind in our blood giving," said Chairman Tommy Burke. Recent visits of the regional blood bank here and in Grover had not been up-to-par and because of the high usage of blood the usage has far surpassed the blood donated in No. 4 township, Burke explained. Monday's visit will be a "make-up" visit, said Burke.

Adult Classes Are Continuing

Free classes in adult basic education are continuing at Compact school on Tuesday and Friday evenings and at Central school on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 until 9.

Adults 18 and older can qualify and anyone wishing to attain an eighth grade level education in reading, writing and arithmetic is eligible.

Mrs. Carmen S. Varney is director of the program sponsored by Gaston college and the Kings Mountain district schools.

Rites Saturday For Mr. Gardner

Funeral rites for Charlie H. Gardner, 85, of Grover, were held Saturday at 3:30 p.m. from Friendly Chapel Baptist church with the Rev. James Sanders and Rev. Roy Walter officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Gardner died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Cleveland Memorial hospital after a two-week illness.

He is survived by his wife, Donnie Godfrey Gardner; Route 1, Grover; two daughters, Mrs. Wayne McSwain of Daytona Beach Fla. and Mrs. Josh Mosses of Lawndale; a half-brother, Jim Franklin of Inman, S. C.; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

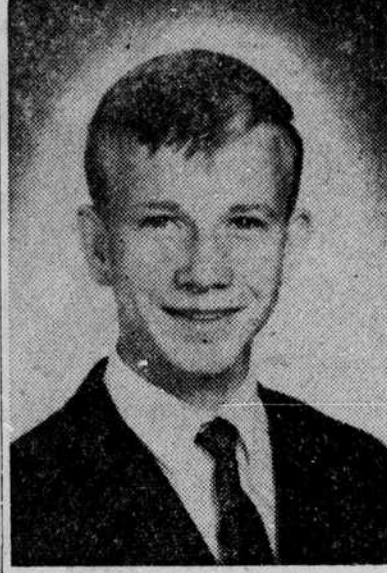
Mrs. Randall's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lona Mae Crowder Randall, 60, wife of William T. Randall of Shelby, were held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

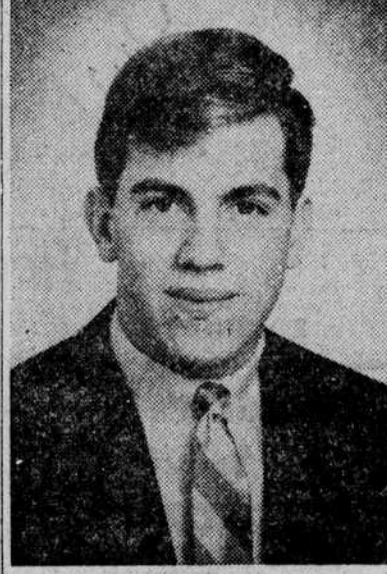
Mrs. Crowder, Kings Mountain native, died Tuesday shortly after noon at her home. She had been in ill health for several months.

She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crowder of Kings Mountain.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Donald E. Mendenhall of Mount Airy.



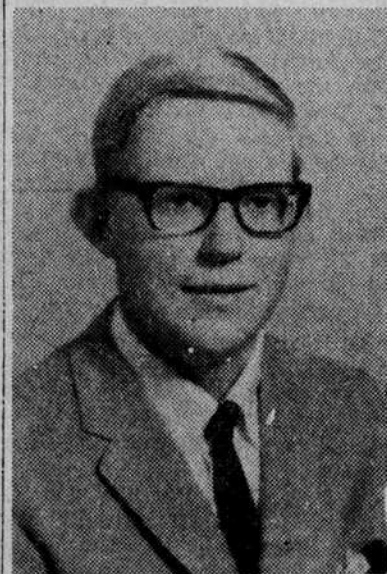
DON BRIDGES



PAT CHESHIRE



DONNA CRAWFORD



DANNY DYKE



TIM WEBSTER

Five Governor School Nominees

Five Kings Mountain high school students have been nominated to attend the Governor's School of North Carolina, according to announcement by Schools Supt. B. N. Barnes. Local nomination is not tantamount to selection.

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Committee Now Promoting Private Convalescent-Nursing Center Here

Ed H. Smith Wrote WB-TV Award Winner

WBTV Charlotte has won an award for a documentary historical program written by Edward H. Smith, of Kings Mountain.

The program was "Signers for Liberty," televised last July 4 and featured the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence and their fates.

Don McDaniel was producer-director and Dick Taylor was narrator, the same team which did the TV program of 1965 on the Battle of Kings Mountain.

The George Washington honors Medal in the broadcasting media was the award won. It is given by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge.

The programmers employed a large collection of portraits of the signers and quoted from historical documents. They went to Philadelphia's Independence Hall to gather materials and take film.

Competing for the honor are television networks, motion picture companies, individual studios and public relations departments of industries, along with universities.

Mr. Smith writes for the Herald an historical column "This Week in Tar Heel History," featured on the editorial page.

Heart Fund Benefit Friday

Proceeds from a Friday night dance for teenagers will benefit the Kings Mountain Heart Fund.

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. until 12 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Admission is 50 cents per person.

Announcement of the benefit was made by Jonas Bridges, chairman of the Special Events division of the 1967 Heart Fund campaign.

Commission Meets Tuesday

The city board of commissioners will meet in special session Tuesday night at 6:30, with among the major items of work beginning of a study on re-education of city ordinances, for which a Florida firm holds contract.

The board is also expected to consider possible increases in commission and mayoral pay.

Other items on the agenda include receiving of bids for a street roller and fence for the public works area at McGinnis street and Cherryville road, and holding of hearings on a petition of Mrs. R. P. Anthony for approval of a residential subdivision plan on Crescent Hill road and on a re-zoning petition on W. King street property by F. S. Morrison.

The board will also consider an agreement with the Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority pertaining to the division of funds the housing authority will pay in lieu of city taxes.

Falls' Rites Held Friday

Funeral rites for John Thomas Falls, Sr., 58, of Greenwood, S. C., Kings Mountain native, were held Friday at 2 p.m. from Harris Baptist church of Greenwood, interment following in Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Falls died in a Greenwood hospital Wednesday night after an illness of five weeks.

A son of the late Mark M. and Sara Wilkerson Falls, he had resided in Greenwood for the past 17 years. He was employed by Greenwood Mills.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emily York Falls; a daughter, Mrs. Lee McDowell of Greenwood; two sons, William F. Falls of Greenville, S. C. and John Thomas Falls, Jr. of Greenwood; two brothers, D. M. and Earl Falls, both of Kings Mountain, a sister, Mrs. Virginia Burton, of Kings Mountain; and six grandchildren.

Rev. Billy J. Bridwell, Rev. Henry J. Phillips and Rev. W. J. Brown officiated at the final rites.

McGinnis Buys Plunk Property

Former Reba's McCurdy Stands Are Acquired

Paul H. McGinnis has purchased the South Battleground avenue buildings occupied by McCurdy Cleaners and recently vacated by Reba's Fashions from the R. S. Plunk Estate.

Purchase price of the two buildings, occupying a lot fronting 50 feet on Battleground and 105 feet deep, was \$20,000.

Mr. McGinnis said he expects to add to the length of the former Reba's Fashions building, remodel it with a new front and "front" back, and utilize it for an expansion of McGinnis Department Store which is adjacent.

McCurdy Cleaners will continue to occupy its building.

Mr. McGinnis said he expected to begin construction after Easter and have the Reba location ready for opening about July 10. It will house the ready-to-wear division of McGinnis Department Store, freeing space in the building McGinnis rents from Dr. D. M. Morrison for an expansion of general department store inventories in breadth and depth.

Mr. McGinnis said his purchase is a tie-in to the plans now underway for renovating the downtown business section.

He also said his individually-owned firm is in process of incorporation as McGinnis Department Store, Inc. with himself, his wife and son John McGinnis as incorporators.

Church At School Program Begins

First of three Sunday sessions of the Church At School at First Presbyterian church begins on Sunday at 5 p.m. and will continue until 6:30 p.m.

The program for all-age groups will follow the theme, "Affluence and Poverty" and is an expansion of the Daily Vacation Church School.

A covered dish supper on Wednesday evening launched the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blanton will teach the adult study of "Plenty and Want: The Responsibility of the Church." The Senior High topic, "Can't We All Be Rich," will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Raegan Harper. Pioneer groups will study, "On the Trail of a Twin," under the direction of Mrs. Bessie Harris and Mrs. Paul Mauney. Fifth and sixth graders will study the book, "White Elephants for Sale," led by Mrs. Mabel Logan, Mrs. Mickie Houser will lead the study for the third and fourth graders, "White Elephants for Sale," Mrs. W. C. Ballew will lead a study for first and second graders on the topic, "No Biscuits at All." Mrs. Lynn Pascal and Mrs. Jackie Barrett will be in charge of the kindergarten group, four and five-year-olds, and the nursery will be under direction of Mrs. Clara Rhea and Mrs. Nelle Cranford.

WINS CONTEST

Don Beam, Jr., 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beam, Sr., of route three, was first place winner in the annual Cleveland County FFA public speaking contest. A student at Waco school, Beam used the subject, "Agriculture: The Strength of a Nation." The contest was held Thursday at Elizabeth school.

Pfc. Horace N. Roper Wounded In Left Leg Sunday In Viet Nam

Pfc. Horace N. Roper, Kings Mountain serviceman stationed in Vietnam, was wounded in action last Sunday, according to a telegram sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Roper.

The telegram stated Pfc. Roper suffered injuries of the left leg. His parents had not learned Wednesday how seriously he was injured.

Pfc. Roper, a member of the First Air Cavalry, Air Mobile Division, has been stationed in Vietnam seven months.

His address, as listed on the telegram sent to his parents, is US 53424304, Company B, 15th Medical Battalion, APO San Francisco, California 96490.

Monday Night Community Meeting Set

A citizens committee has been organized to promote construction of a Kings Mountain convalescent and nursing center, to be privately financed, owned and operated.

Following meetings last Thursday and Monday nights a third community-wide meeting is scheduled for Monday night at 7:30 at City Hall.

The group Monday elected Joe R. Smith, secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, chairman of the promotion committee.

These committees were named:

Fact-finding—Chairman Smith, James Gibson and Ray W. Cline.

Administration and personnel requirements — Grady Howard.

Investment — Mrs. Devere Smith, Devere Smith, Mrs. Clyde Kerns, John L. McGill and O. O. Walker.

Land Acquisition and Architect — O. O. Walker, John L. McGill, James Gibson and W. S. Biddix.

The initial meeting was called at the instance of the city, Mayor John Henry Moss having previously named Commissioners Ray Cline, W. S. Biddix and O. O. Walker as a promotion committee of the city to organize the movement.

Mayor Moss said yesterday he is highly pleased at the reception to the effort and added it is intended this facility be available to all.

Chairman Smith added, "I hope every citizen interested in the establishment of this needed community facility will attend Monday night's meeting."

Bumgardner's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Clyde E. Bumgardner, 48, were held Sunday at 4 p.m. from Oak View Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. C. C. Bundy, assisted by Rev. E. O. Gore, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Bumgardner died at 8 p.m. Thursday at Veteran's Hospital at Oteen after a two-week illness. He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Bumgardner.

His wife, Mary Costner Bumgardner, died in December 1965. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are two sons, Steve and Joe Bumgardner, both of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Arthur Baity, Jr., of Pompano Beach, Fla., Mrs. Garland Ridings of Shelby, and Mrs. Robert Martin of Kings Mountain; six brothers, George Bumgardner, John Bumgardner, Edwin Bumgardner, Ralph Bumgardner, and Ray Bumgardner, all of Kings Mountain, and Bill Bumgardner of Bessemer City; one sister, Mrs. F. S. Hardin of Shelby; and four grandchildren.

Cooler Soon At High School

The board of education Monday night authorized advertising for bids for air-conditioning machinery for Kings Mountain high school.

Room units were installed in the initial construction.

The board elected two teachers to fill resignations: Miss Rebecca Louise C. Cashatt, of Gastonia, will succeed Mrs. Robert Mann as a high school English teacher, and Mrs. Nancy Y. Gray, of Shelby will succeed Mrs. Johnnie G. Moore as a high school commercial teacher.

Among other actions the board:

1) Approved contract for cabinet work in the high school agriculture department with Elmer Lumber Company, low bidder of three at \$1070. Cleveland Lumber Company, of Shelby, bid \$1137.

2) Assigned three children just moved to Kings Mountain to schools, Lee White to Grade 1 North, Roger White to Grade 3 North, and Gail White to Grade 7 Central.

3) Authorized purchase of 1 1/2 ton truck.

4) Received copies of federal Office of Education pupil assignment guidelines. Superintendent B. N. Barnes informed the board action must be taken by April 1.

PPG To Honor Six Finalists

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's Carolina division will honor nominees for the annual scholarship at a luncheon Friday at 12:30 at North Lake Country club, Shelby.

Larry Burton, Kings Mountain high school senior, is among six nominees and will be interviewed by a panel of educators at Hotel Charles on Friday.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Foundation's fifth annual plant community scholarship is valued up to \$6,000 for a four-year period.

Buford Pearson's Sister Passes

Funeral rites for Mrs. Bernie Pearson Splawn, half-sister of Buford Pearson of Kings Mountain, were held in Chesnee, S. C., Wednesday.

Mrs. Splawn died at 8:45 p.m. Monday in Chesnee. She was the daughter of the late D. J. and Alice Branch Pearson.