

Greater Kings Mountain
City Limits 21,914
8,256

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder's Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Full Priority Approval For \$388,500 Sewer Grant

Over 100, Not Over 200, PHA Dwelling Units Here

Federal Agency Action Expected In Near Future

By MARTIN HARMON

The North Carolina stream sanitation committee has approved full priority for a grant of \$388,500 for sewer system improvements and has forwarded its approval to the federal Water Pollution Control Administration.

Mayor John Henry Moss was informed of the favorable action on the Kings Mountain application by telephone Tuesday by E. C. Hubbard, director of Stream Sanitation and Hydrology.

State approval is considered tantamount to early approval by the federal agency.

Awaited and expected for several months, approval by the state committee was no surprise, but approval of the full grant for the current fiscal year had not been assured when tentative state approval of the Kings Mountain application was given several months ago. Indicated 1966-67 grant was \$307,000.

The total project is expected to cost \$1,300,000, including:

1) Revision of the existing McGill Creek plant from a trickling filter type to an extended aeration type with capacity doubled to one-million gallon daily capacity.

2) Construction of a new two-million gallon daily capacity extended aeration type plant on Pilot Branch near its junction with Buffalo Creek.

3) A main outfall sewer line from the Mauney Imhoff tank to the treatment plant.

4) Two sewage pump stations with necessary outfalls and force mains at the locations shown on the plans.

5) Purchase of line right-of-way and treatment plant site.

Plans and specifications were completed by the city's engineering firm, W. K. Dickson & Company, in January.

Mayor Moss said bids will be invited as quickly as approval is received from the federal agency.

Citizens, in a special election, authorized the borrowing of up to \$1,300,000 for the sewer system improvements. Approval of the federal grant, assuming the bidding and estimates match, means that the city cost will be reduced to \$911,500.

Vote Petitions May Be Filed

Petitions asking an election to determine legalizing sale of wine and beer for off-premises consumption and legal sale of liquor via ABC stores are expected to be filed next week with the district legislative delegation.

The city commission, which serves as the city election board, will be asked to authenticate the signatures, one of the circulators said to 1) determine that 511 citizens signed (making the calling of the beer-wine election mandatory on the board) and 2) to show the legislative delegation there is sufficient demand on part of Kings Mountain citizens to authorize an ABC election by legislative.

The petitions seek elections on both questions, and the spokesman said the "wet" decision by the Supreme Court in the Reidsville case has made no change in Kings Mountain "wet" status operandi to seek and election at the ballot box. A General Assembly act establishing liquor stores in Reidsville minus an election was upheld by the Supreme Court in a 5 to 2 decision.

Frank Black's Brother Passes

Funeral rites for Charlie L. Black, 63, of Portsmouth, Va., brother of Frank Black of Kings Mountain, were held Wednesday in Portsmouth.

Mr. Black was a native of Cleveland County.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Nellie Self, of Shelby; a daughter and four sons, all of Portsmouth.

VISITED HERE

Captain and Mrs. Donald McCarter of San Antonio, Texas visited here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter and other relatives. Enroute to Texas, the McCarters visited Captain McCarter's brother, Captain Jerry McCarter, at Tyndall AFB in Panama City, Florida.

HAA Economist Here On Monday For Needs Survey

By MARTIN HARMON

An economist of the regional office of the Housing Assistance Agency Department of Housing and Urban Development will recommend "more than 100, but not more than 200" public housing units for Kings Mountain.

Miss Frances Barrett, of Atlanta, made the statement Monday in a forum on public housing, after completing a tour of the city and areas within a mile of the city limits in a survey of the community's rental housing.

The Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority had filed an application for 400 units.

Miss Barrett is to return next week to complete her survey.

Present at the forum were J. Wilson Crawford, real estate broker, Mrs. J. E. Mauney, owner of rental housing, Tom Tate, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan Association, Frank Ballard, grocer and owner of rental housing, Mayor John Henry Moss, and William Orr and Martin Harmon, members of the board of directors of Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

Among statements made by Miss Barrett:

1) Families with gross income above stipulated amounts are ineligible to be public housing tenants, with exception of recipients of social security.

2) The term "sub-standard house" has many definitions. She added any dwelling without sanitation facilities is automatically sub-standard, as is a two-family dwelling with only one bath.

3) Public housing developments, with which she has been acquainted since 1942, have not dislocated local wage scales.

4) Public housing encourages landlords to upgrade rental property and to attract tenants more able to pay.

5) The local housing authority has the power of eminent domain, is required by law to employ professional licensed appraisers when purchasing building sites.

6) Her agency supplies planning funds and construction funds for projects until they are 90 percent complete. The local authority then sells bonds, repays the government loan, and amortizes the bonds. Deficits for bond payments are underwritten by the federal government.

7) Tenants in public housing who prove undesirable, or who mutilate their dwelling, are evicted.

8) Undesirables may be denied admission, even when meeting the annual income test.

9) Many families have greater annual income than they think they do.

Authority Chairman John L. McGill entertained Miss Barrett, Mayor Moss and members of the authority at lunch, where Mr. McGill noted the application for 400 housing units was based on a survey by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development. The survey revealed 32.3 percent of Kings Mountain dwellings to be sub-standard and 30 percent of Kings Mountain families with annual incomes of \$3000 or less.

Six Win Ratings In Piano Contests

Frances McGill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John C. McGill, and Jane Anthony, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Anthony, won ratings of 11 or excellent in the North Carolina Music Teacher's Association District Contest at Lenoir Rhyne college in Hickory Saturday.

They played in the Senior high school division.

Playing in the Junior high contest and receiving ratings of 111 or good were Barbara Hord, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Hord; Lynn Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glee E. Bridges; Laura Ann Hudson, daughter of Mrs. Shirley Hudson; and Meredith McGill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John C. McGill.

The six students are pupils of Mrs. Martin Harmon.

Babb Candidate For School Post



CANDIDATE — Bill Babb, Bethware community citizen, filed notice of candidacy Monday for the Kings Mountain district board of education.

Shaney Wants More Officers

Richard E. (Dick) Shaney, candidate for Ward 5 Commissioner, issued a statement Wednesday in which he declared Kings Mountain needs more, better-trained and better paid policemen and an adequate year-round recreation program.

Mr. Shaney's statement follows:

"Our police department, like many other law enforcement agencies in the state are understaffed, underpaid, and in need of additional training in order to cope with the rising crime statistics.

STILL STRUTTING

In last week's Herald story concerning Richard E. (Dick) Shaney's candidacy for the city board of commissioners, the statement was made that his father was the late professional baseball pitcher, Struttin' Bud Shaney. The lineage is correct, but Mr. Shaney, the elder, is not late. "He's 67 and still working every day," the commission candidate reports.

"It is virtually impossible for an understaffed department such as ours, to hold their own, much less show a reduction in crime and accidents. In a town the size of Kings Mountain, we need twice the force we now have to adequately patrol, but where do we get them?"

"Many police departments throughout our country have been unsuccessful in recruiting

Morrison Proffers Property Gift For Buffalo Creek Water Project

By MARTIN HARMON

Did it rain over the past weekend?

Not enough for Kings Mountain's Public Works Superintendent Grady Yelton.

Duly appreciative of the heavy rainfall, Supt. Yelton still points to the low level of the city's two water reservoirs. He estimates the auxiliary Davidson Lake at 16 feet from spillover point, while the York Road Lake is six feet from spillover.

Supt. Yelton hopes and prays that, come May 1, both reservoirs will have reached spillover. Otherwise, it may literally be a long, hot and dry summer.

Other waterfront news: 1) In spite of the weather, the new two-million gallon water tank on Cherryville Road was tapped into the system Sunday. Interior painting must be completed before water begins flowing into the big tank.

2) The city continues to pump water from the old Gold Mine shaft off York road around-the-clock.

School Board File Is Lone Additional Entry

Bill Babb, owner of Babb's Garage, became the first candidate for the board of education, as he filed with the city clerk Monday.

Mr. Babb seeks the seat in the outside-city district being vacated by H. O. (Toby) Williams. The term of office is six years.

Mr. Babb's filing was the lone formal political activity of the week.

Richard E. (Dick) Shaney is challenging Ward 5 City Commissioner O. O. Walker.

No other candidates have filed and the rumor mill produced little grist.

All other members of the John Henry Moss Administration are expected to seek re-election, including the Mayor, Commissioners Ray Cline, Ward 1; W. S. Biddix, Ward 2; T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3; and Norman King, Ward 4.

James L. Guyton has indicated he will seek the Ward 3 seat and Dewey Styers is rumored a possible challenger to Norman King, who defeated Mr. Styers two years ago.

On basis of past history, there is certain to be another candidate for the Ward 5 seat from the Negro community, Hazel Gill, who has offered, previously, is being mentioned among Negro leaders as a possible candidate, as is Leroy Blanton.

Kelly Bunch has indicated he will seek the school board seat. Candidate Babb is Bethware community citizen, a member and deacon and teacher in David's Baptist church, a Mason, volunteer fireman with the Bethlehem department, active in the Bethware Parent-Teacher association, and Bethware Community Fair.

Mrs. Babb is the former Betty Jean Harmon. They have three children, Gary, Susan and Kevin Babb.

Lions To Honor Area Farmers

Annual Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held Tuesday night, March 28th, at 7 p.m. at the Woman's club.

Lion Bill Plonk is chairman of the arrangements committee for the event, which honors farmers of the area.

Lions are asked to make reservations for themselves and guests with Lion Plonk.

Mrs. Murray Dies, Child, Husband Are Wounded

Mrs. Mae Tessenner Murray, 33-year-old Shelby mother of two, was killed and one of her daughters and her estranged husband were wounded in a shooting Wednesday morning about 8:30 at her home off West Marion street in Shelby.

Mrs. Murray is daughter of Beacher Tessenner of route 2, Kings Mountain.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Lutz-Austell Funeral Home, Shelby, is in charge.

Mrs. Murray was killed by a blast from a single barrel 20-gauge shotgun. A daughter, Linda, age five, suffered buckshot wounds of the face but was reported in fairly good condition at Cleveland Memorial hospital. Mrs. Murray's husband, Willard Murray, 34, underwent surgery Wednesday morning for a shotgun wound in the chest.

According to County Coroner J. Ollie Harris Mrs. Murray was first shot in the upper left arm and some of the pellets apparently went through her arm and struck the child. The coroner quoted witnesses as saying that Mrs. Murray ran from the house and was shot in the back. He quoted witnesses who said her husband fired both shots. Investigations are continuing to determine how the man was shot.

Murray has been employed on a farm in the Archdale section off Grover road. His wife and family had rented a house on West Marion street in Shelby. A second daughter had already left for school when the shooting occurred.

Other survivors include four brothers and two sisters.

Liquor Decision Voted In 1874

The fledgling Town of Kings Mountain, incorporated in February 1874, was only eight months old when voters were asked to decide the question of legal sale of alcoholic beverages.

The minutes of the town board, written in flowing script, of Board Secretary I. W. Garrett, read:

For May 5, 1874—"That any dealer in spirituous liquors, within the limits of the town, who sells by the quart measure or in tap quantity, shall pay to the town an annual tax of twenty-five dollars."

The text is x-ed through with black ink and a marginal notation in red ink reads "expunged".

On October 17, 1874 the minutes record the result of the election of two days previously on the question of legal sale of alcoholic beverages which was:

For 0
Against 13

Maner "Refreshed" By Bureaucrats

Bob Maner, Republican leader, serving in the capacity of chairman of the Kings Mountain planning commission, was recommending to the board of commissioners that professional assistance be employed to map a five-year program of urban beautification.

At the conclusion, he paid a compliment to federal bureaucracy as represented by Gene Gibbons, of the regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.

"I am refreshed," he said, "after working with these folk to find they not only know what they're doing, but require that we do when seeking federal funds."

Mayor John Henry Moss named himself, Commissioners Ray Cline, O. O. Walker and Norman King a committee to report in late March on implementing Chairman Maner's planning board recommendation.

METHODIST TOPIC

Rev. Howard R. Jordan's sermon topic at 11 o'clock services on Palm Sunday will be "Who Is This?" The evening service will be at 7 o'clock.



EASTER SEAL DRIVE UNDERWAY — Three members of the Junior Woman's club are pictured above completing the mailing of Easter Seals to citizens in the Kings Mountain area. Boiling Springs, Mooresboro, Casar, Polkville, Waco, Swainsville and Grover. Mrs. Bill Allen is standing and seated are Miss Jackie Blanton, left, club president, and Miss Mary Alice McDaniel. The March fund-raising campaign aids in the treatment of crippled children and adults. Bill Plonk, Kings Mountain campaign chairman, said children dressed in Easter bunny suits would conduct an on-street solicitation March 25th to culminate the drive locally. Earl Propst is Cleveland County Easter Seal campaign chairman. (Photo by Paul Lemmons.)

HUD's Gibbons Compliments City



SPEAKER — Humorist H. G. Seawell, Jr., Carthage attorney, will make the address at the annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce March 20.

Official Says City Solving Its Problems

"Congress appropriates to help you solve your local problems and you are doing a good job in solving them," Gene Gibbons, Housing and Urban Development regional office official complimented the city commission Tuesday night.

Mr. Gibbons summated briefly federal government formuli in various federal aid programs administered by HUD.

Noting the some \$7,500,000 in Kings Mountain public facilities are planned, he said that approval of the Cansler street widening project would make the city eligible for "another \$900,000 in federal funds." He said that state expenditures (as the Cansler street project) count as local contributions in federal share programs.

Among items Mr. Gibbons mentioned:

1) Grants are available to home owners with incomes of \$3000 or less for upgrading their

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C Of C Banquet Monday Evening

Annual dinner meeting of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday night at 8 p.m. at Kings Mountain Country club.

Highlight of the meeting will be a humorous address by Carthage lawyer, H. F. (Chub) Seawell, Jr., billed as a humorist, writer and television personality.

Chamber of Commerce President Jonas Bridges said members should make reservations for themselves and their wives with Mrs. Paul Williams at the association office.

Business of the meeting will include the election of new officers and reports from officers and directors.

Mr. Seawell was the Republican candidate for governor in 1952. He is author of the book, "Sir Walter, the Earl of Chatham" and makes regular appearances on television in a series of his own humorous sketches. As an after-dinner speaker he has filled speaking engagements from Los Angeles, California to Montreal, Canada.



EVANGELIST — Rev. Alfred Wright, pastor of Gastonia's South Marietta Street Baptist church, will be evangelist for revival services March 19-22, Sunday through Wednesday, at Eastside Baptist church. Services will be at 7:30 nightly. Wright is a Kings Mountain native.

\$40,000 Addition For K Mills

K Mills, Kings Mountain upholstery manufacturer, is building an addition estimated to cost \$40,000.

Building permit for the industry, located off Floyd Street, was issued by the city this week. Hobart Dye is contractor.

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Patterson Grove Baptist Church To Dedicate \$156,000 Sanctuary

Dedication of the new \$156,000 sanctuary of Patterson Grove Baptist church will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Richard Plyler pastor of the church the past four years, will deliver the dedicatory sermon. A former interim pastor, Rev. E. S. Elliott, and Rev. C. O. Greene, superintendent of missions for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, will also participate in the program.

Former members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend the service.

The new building is of traditional design. In the cornerstone a metal box has been placed to be opened on the 125th anniversary of the organizing of the church Sunday, November 13, 2009. The box will contain pictures of the old sanctuary, the