

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.

## 649 Names On Liquor Vote Petition Authenticated

### Board Transmits Referendum Bid To Legislators

**By MARTIN HARMON**  
The city board of commissioners Wednesday evening authenticated 649 of 1009 signatures on a petition asking for an election on the question of legalizing sale of alcoholic beverages and subsequently voted to transmit the petition, as authenticated, to the five state legislators representing Cleveland County.

The board met in special session to consider the petition request.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., in a letter of affirmation, reported that, of 1099 signatures, 649 names appear on the city's voting registration books, while 460 proved illegible, duplications or did not correspond to the city's voting books. Aiding Mr. McDaniel in the check-out were other members of the city office staff, Mrs. Grace C. Wolfe, Mrs. Margaret P. Wilson, and Mrs. Judy B. Harmon.

In his letter of affirmation, Mr. McDaniel said the 649 names authenticated represented 32 percent of the votes in the May 11, 1965, municipal election.

The presentation of the petitions, circulated through the city for five weeks, of which there were 45 copies, was made by Charles H. Mauney and Richard Maxey, on behalf of the Committee for the Control of Alcoholic Beverages.

Both actions of the commission were unanimous.

The petition asks the legislative delegation to obtain passage of an "all-or-nothing" election, either for or against "the establishment of an ABC store or stores and the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption."

Text of the petition follows: To the Governing Body of the City of Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, North Carolina; and,

To the Honorable W. K. Mauney, Jr., Robert T. Falls and William Harrill, members of the North Carolina House of Representatives; and,

To the Honorable Jack H. White and Marshall Rouch, representing the 29th Senatorial District of North Carolina:

The undersigned, being registered voters of the City of Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, North Carolina, have in their own respective handwriting signed the following petition in which it is respectfully requested that the Governing Body of the City of Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, North Carolina, and/or other appropriate bodies, request the Legislative Delegation of Cleveland County to prepare and introduce an enabling Act at the 1967 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly which will provide for the calling of an election to determine the following:

"The question of whether or not there shall be set up and operated in the City of Kings Mountain, Cleveland County an ABC store or stores in accordance with the Laws of the State and whether or not Beer and Wine shall legally be sold in said City for off premises use only.

It is further requested, in event of the passage of such legislation, authorizing the above election, that this be considered as a Petition calling for such an election, and further that the questions be combined into one question on the ballot to read as follows:

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### Sgt. Buford Wright, 41, Wounded When Shell Bursts Prematurely

S/IC Buford Wright, veteran of 18 years in the Army, was wounded in action in Vietnam March 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wright, parents of the 41-year-old serviceman, received two telegrams from Major General Kenneth G. Wicham within the past 10 days.

In the first telegram March 11th the parents were notified that their son was seriously ill as the result of "fragment wounds to both buttocks and fractures of the right femur and colostomy." The telegram stated that the sergeant was manning a 105 m.m. howitzer when "hit by a fragment from a premature burst." In the judgment of the attending physicians, the tele-

gram continued, "his condition is of such seriousness that there is cause for concern but no imminent danger of life."

A second telegram was received by the Wrights this week, stating that Sgt. Wright is improving from his wounds and is hospitalized in 249th General Hospital in Japan, awaiting transfer to the states in six to eight weeks.

The Negro sergeant is one of 12 children of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Wright. The family numbers six boys and six girls.

Wright has been stationed in Vietnam since September 1966. His wife, Magalene, lives in Tacoma, Washington.

## Owens Candidate For School Post

### Candidacy Poses Second Contest For May Voting

Second contest of the spring political season developed Wednesday as Alex D. Owens, Route 1 farmer and landscaper, filed notice of candidacy for the board of education seat being vacated by H. O. (Toby) Williams.

Bill Babb, Route 2 garabeman, filed for the outside-city school post last week.

Other contest finds Richard E. (Dick) Shaney challenging Ward 5 City Commissioner O. O. Walker.

As of noon Wednesday there were no other formal filings or announced candidacies.

There was every indication that remaining members of the John Henry Moss Administration will be candidates to succeed themselves. They include Commissioners Ray Cline, Ward 1, W. S. Biddix, Ward 2, T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3, and Norman King, Ward 4.

The Mayor, in fact, when shaking hands with constituents sometimes quipped, "This is for May 9."

Kelly Bunch was still a possible as a board of education candidate.

Board of education terms are for six years, city administration terms for two years.

Mr. Owens is a son of the late John C. and Rettie Whisnant Owens. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, is a Mason, and a deacon of Kings Mountain Baptist church. He is a former member of the county ASC committee.

Mrs. Owens is the former Lyla Thompson, and an eighth grade teacher at Central School. They have four daughters, Ann, grade 12, Susan, grade 9, Katherine, grade 7, and Margaret Owens, grade 4.



**OPponents — O. O. Walker, above, Ward 5 city commissioner, is being challenged for re-election by Richard E. (Dick) Shaney.**

### St. Mark's Easter Report

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away; for it was very great.

And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid. (St. Mark 16:1-8)

### Reporter's Child Sustains Injury

During Wednesday's 6 p.m. meeting of the city board of commissioners, Bert Bowman, reporter for the Gastonia Gazette, received a telephone call.

He returned to pick up his camera and leave.

Mayor John Henry Moss told Mr. Bowman he regretted the bad news.

Mr. Bowman had received a report his daughter had been seriously injured.

**METER RECEIPTS**  
Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$219.75, including \$21.20 from off-street meters, \$129.80 from on-street meters, and \$68.75 in fines.

### Murray Charged In Wife's Death

Three persons who were wounded in separate shootings last week at a West Marion street home in Shelby are reported in satisfactory condition at Cleveland Memorial hospital.

Willard Murray, 34, Archdale community citizen, who is recovering from a shotgun wound in the chest, was listed in fair condition. His daughter, Linda, five, was listed in good condition.

Murray and his daughter were wounded last Wednesday in a shooting incident which claimed the life of Murray's estranged wife, Mrs. Mae Tessenner Murray, 33. Officers served a warrant Monday morning charging Murray with first degree murder in connection with his wife's death.

Harold Holland, 27, who sustained a .22 caliber rifle wound in the chest at the same address Sunday, was listed in fair condition. Holland told officers he accidentally shot himself when he was cleaning the weapon.

Investigations are continuing in both shooting incidents.



**ORMAND HONORED ON BIRTHDAY — B. Meek Ormand was honored by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club on his 98th birthday Thursday and his silver anniversary of perfect attendance in the civic club. Mary Beth Ramsey, left, sang "Happy Birthday", Hugh Ormand stands beside his father and Kiwanis President Dan Finger is at far right. (Photo by Paul Lemmons).**

### Kiwanis Honors Captain Ormand On Birthday Eve

The Kiwanis Club of Kings Mountain sang "Happy birthday Captain Meek" at their meeting March 17, a pretty girl gave the birthday kiss and the cake was cut celebrating the 98th birthday for Kiwanian Batie Meek Ormand. This was also in recognition of 25 years perfect attendance as a member.

Captain Meek is so called because of his 50 years as conductor on the Southern Railroad. He was born March 18, 1869 at Old Furnace near Bessemer City in Gaston County. His home place there is still in the Ormand family, having been granted to them by the King of England. He was the second child of Robert Dixon Ormand and Sara Mattilda Go-forth Ormand.

He attended school at Old Furnace and then his final two years at the Kings Mountain Academy. In 1886 at the age of 17 for \$37 per month he began his career as a one room country school teacher. After three years he took the job as trucker at the Southern station in Kings Mountain. He was on duty day and night, slept in the depot to meet the night trains. While on this job he became an expert telegrapher and was offered the agents job at Thickety Station in South Carolina. Instead he went with the transportation department beginning as a flagman on local freight from Charlotte, N. C., to Central, S. C.

### Richards Dies In Mill Accident

Gene Alexander Richards, 32, of Blacksburg, S. C., was killed Monday night about 8:30 in an accident at Margrace Mill where he had been a loom fixer since 1962.

It was the first fatal accident at Margrace since the plant was built in 1919-20, according to Charlie Moss.

Richards, Coroner J. Ollie Harris said, suffered a compound depressed skull fracture and added death was apparently instant. Richards was caught between the lay and crossbeam of a Crompton - Knowles C-4 loom with a jacquard head.

Coroner Harris said Robert Lee Bowen, a fellow workman, reported that Loom 245 was out of order and that Richards occasionally would leave this loom to make minor repairs on others. It was thought that Richards accidentally started the loom when he returned to repair it.

Miss Cora Hull found the body. Richards was pronounced dead on arrival at Kings Mountain hospital about 9 o'clock.

Funeral rites were held Wednesday afternoon at Pleasant Hill Baptist church, with the Rev. Horace Scruggs officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, Carl and Callie Scates Richards of Blacksburg; his wife, Jeannie Martin Richards; two sons, Ricky and Eddie Richards, both of the home; four daughters, Gwendolyn, Benita, Gloria and Tammy, all of the home; two brothers, Howard and Gary Richards, both

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## Fulton Elected C Of C President



**PRESIDENT — W. S. (Bill) Fulton, Jr., has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.**

### He succeeds Jonas Bridges.

Other officers elected were Gene Timms, first vice-president and William G. Jonas, second vice-president.

Elected directors for three-year terms were Joe R. Smith, Charles H. Mauney, and W. J. Keeter.

Other directors are: (two-year) Richard Maxey, Thomas A. Tate, and J.C. Bridges; (one-year) John A. Cheshire, Hubert McGinnis and B. S. Peeler, Jr.

Retiring-President Bridges said the organization's cash balances totaled \$4000.

Members and their wives clapped appreciatively as H. F. (Chub) Seawell, Carthage lawyer and humorist, spun tale-after-tale with wit and humor.

Mr. Seawell became quite serious for the last five minutes of his address, delivering a sermon in which he declared the United States must return to God if it is to succeed in national endeavors.

Scoring increasing consumption of alcoholic beverages, he said, "A nation which spends as much on booze as we do, is drunk. We must get sober."

He reminded of Benjamin Franklin's call for a day of prayer when the Constitutional convention convened and labeled it the United States Constitution as "the greatest document the world has ever seen second to the Bible".

**LUTHERAN TOPIC**  
Rev. Charles Easley's sermon topic at the 11 o'clock worship hour Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be, "Victory In The Morning."

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### HUD Regional Office Reviewing Kings Mountain Buffalo Project

Kings Mountain's Buffalo water project federal grant application has been assigned a project number, the city is proceeding to conform to additional information requirements of the regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the agency has noted that the project is under review.

One of the requirements—city commission adoption of a land acquisition policy resolution—was met at the May 16 board meeting. The resolution pledges the city to make every effort to acquire necessary property by negotiation and, if eminent domain is invoked, that at least 75 percent of the property's appraised value be placed in escrow.

Other requirements are:

1) Statement of the State Highway & Public Works commission regarding roads in the area.

2) Filing of an estimate of annual operating and maintenance costs for the completed project.

3) A statement from the Local Government Commission on financing of the project.

Mayor John Henry Moss said he foresaw no difficulty in meeting the requirements, which were pointed out by HUD officials at an Atlanta conference March 15.

The city authorized the mayor to arrange a meeting on the water project, for discussion of land use and recreation, with representatives of Grover, El Bethel, Bethware, Bethlehem, Oak Grove and Patterson Grove.