

Population

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 8,134 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder's Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Pupil Assignment Plan Is Same As In Current Year

Pastor Association Opposes Legal Liquor, Referendum

Against Vote Was 12 to 2 On Twin Issues

By MARTIN HARMON
Fourteen members of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association, at a called meeting Monday, voted 12 to 2

1) against the holding of a referendum on question of legalized sale of alcoholic beverages; and

2) against legalizing the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Secretary Floyd Willis, pastor of Westover Baptist church, reported the vote count. To a question, he said, four of the votes for the majority position were cast by association members who do not reside within the city limits.

Petition for an election on the issue of sale within the City of Kings Mountain bearing names of 649 registered voters was filed with the legislative delegation last week.

Association President Howard Jordan, pastor of Central Methodist church, said several members were absent.

It was agreed, President Jordan reported, that formal resolutions would not be forwarded to the legislative delegation, but that individual members would convey their views personally.

Richardson Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mary Susan Richardson, 88, of Grover, widow of Charles W. Richardson, were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. Stewart White, pastor of Grover's Shiloh Presbyterian church, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Richardson died at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Kings Mountain hospital following illness of several months.

She was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

She was a native of Gaston County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hicks. She was a former resident of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Burris Keeter, of Grover; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Thom as L. Keeter, Frank Kish, W. S. Hicks, Jr., Gene Kirkpatrick, Otis Miller, and R. B. Keeter, Jr.

McGaha Accepts Ellenboro Call

Rev. R. L. McGaha, pastor of Temple Baptist church the past six years, has resigned to become pastor of Race Path Baptist church in Ellenboro.

Mr. McGaha will deliver his first sermon at the Ellenboro church on April 16th. Rev. and Mrs. McGaha expect to move to Ellenboro April 11th.

A graduate of Furman University, Mr. McGaha came to Kings Mountain from Beaver Hill Baptist church of Spartanburg, S. C. He had previously served Baptist churches in Enoree, S. C. and Georgia.

Mrs. McGaha is the former Sybil McAlister.

The Ellenboro church congregation numbers 500. Temple Baptist church has a membership of 360.

Rev. McGaha announced his resignation to the congregation at March 26 services.

Church Of God Series Continue

Rev. C. C. Holmes is evangelist for services continuing through Sunday at the Church of God on Parker street.

Services are at 7 p.m. nightly.



Heavner Still "Critical"; Wood Rites Monday

Ray Heavner, 16-year-old Kings Mountain youth, remained in critical condition Wednesday at Charlotte Memorial hospital where he remains in intensive care following a Saturday night wreck in which a Kings Mountain woman died.

Killed was Mrs. Coleen Wright Wood, 36, of 810 Landing street, a secretary at Carolina Throwing Company.

REMAINS UNCONSCIOUS
Relatives of Ray Heavner, 16, said yesterday at 6:45 p.m. the youth had not regained consciousness since the Saturday night wreck in which he was critically injured and a Kings Mountain woman killed. Young Heavner is son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Heavner.

Driver of the second car involved in the wreck was Paul Eugene Melton, 34, of 314 Cansler street. Melton was treated for injuries at a Clover, S. C. doctor's clinic and released.

Heavner, of 11 Poplar street, was a passenger in the Melton car.

The two-car collision occurred Saturday night at 7:50 p.m. on Highway 161 just across the South Carolina line eight miles west of Clover, S. C. According to South Carolina Highway Patrolman J. M. Lark, Mrs. Wood's car was traveling north headed toward Kings Mountain when her car ran off the left shoulder of the road. When her car came back on the pavement it was struck sideways and was struck broadside by the Melton vehicle.

Patrolman Lark said both vehicles were demolished and that no charges were filed.

A native of Cleveland County, Mrs. Wood was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem V. Wright of Kings Mountain, who survive. Her husband, Richard Rufus Wood, died in September, 1966.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Wood were held Monday at 3:30 p.m. from Temple Baptist church with the Rev. R. L. McGaha and the Rev. Richard Plyler officiating. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Other survivors include two sons, Larry and Phillip Wood, both of the home; and two brothers, Jerry Wright of Charlotte and Johnny Wright of Kings Mountain.

Books, Magazines Wanted For Troops

Paperback books and current magazines for transport to Vietnam for benefit of Kings Mountain area troops and others in their units.

These contributions should be in the office of Mayor John Henry Moss by noon Friday.

On Saturday, this cargo will be placed aboard the plane of Major C. W. Gallant, North Carolina Air National Guard, who is flying to Vietnam on assignment.

Names and addresses of Kings Mountain area servicemen should be telephoned to the Mayor's secretary, Mrs. Brenda Cobb, phone 739-2561.

Two Ministers Issue Statement: Favor Referendum, Legal Liquor

Two Kings Mountain ministers, Rev. Charles Easley, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, and Rev. Robert Haden, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, issued a joint statement Wednesday giving their reasons for supporting legal sale of alcoholic beverages and a referendum to allow citizens to determine the issue.

Rev. Mr. Haden cast one of the two "nay" votes on the question at Monday's called meeting of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association. Rev. Mr. Easley was absent.

The statement: "We are led to make this state-

Parents Must Choose School By April 28

By MARTIN HARMON
The Kings Mountain district board of education has adopted the federally required pupil assignment plan for the 1967-68 term — the same "freedom of choice" plan in vogue for the present term.

Parents of all pupils, excepting Grades 9-12, will receive choice-of-school forms Thursday. They have 30 days, or until April 28, to execute the form and to return it to the office of the superintendent.

Parents of high school pupils—Grades 9 through 12 — will not receive choice forms for an obvious reason: The district operates a single high school and all high school pupils will be assigned to Kings Mountain high school, as this year.

The freedom-of-choice plan dictates that no child can be enrolled unless the choice form has been executed. It is also asked that second choice be indicated.

Nominally, students will be assigned the schools they wish to attend. Only in event of overcrowding will other assignments be made.

Another exception is for children who are enrolled, or to be enrolled, in special education classes (such as for the educable retarded). Only two schools, Central and Davidson, will offer special education.

The law specifies that a choice of school, once made, cannot be altered.

Other school class arrangements for 1967-68:

- 1) Central elementary, Grades 7 & 8, and two classes in special education.
- 2) Compact elementary, Grades 1 through 8.
- 3) Davidson elementary, Grades 1 through 6 and one class in special education.
- 4) All other elementary schools, Grades 1 through 6.

Smith Rites Thursday At 4

Funeral rites for James H. Smith, Jr., 55, of Grover, will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from Bethany Baptist church of which he was a member and deacon.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 3 p.m. Thursday when it will lie in state at the church. Rev. James Sanders, assisted by Rev. E. V. Smith, will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in Grover cemetery.

Mr. Smith died Tuesday shortly after noon in the Grover Clinic following several week's illness.

A native of Hart County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Sr. He was employed in the Maintenance Department of Minette Mills.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie J. Camp Smith; their daughter, Mrs. Lane Dixon, of Kings Mountain; one brother, Jim T. Smith of Tucker, Ga.; four half-brothers, Layton Smith of Atlanta, Ga., Travis and Everhart Smith, both of Grover, and O'Neill Smith of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. Lee Coan and Mrs. Helen English, both of Hendersonville. Mrs. Henry McDaniel of Grover and Mrs. Paul Carter of Atlanta, Ga.

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Mauney Delays Liquor Vote Bill, Wants City's Approval



CITY POLICEMAN OF MONTH — The Kings Mountain Optimist club on Monday presented city police officer Bob Hayes a certificate as "Policeman of the Month" citing him for dedication and diligence to duty. The civic club is launching a "respect for law" program and at the end of the year will present an "Officer of the Year" award. Pictured from left, R. W. Hurlbut, community service committeeman for the Optimists, Officer Hayes, Police Chief Sanders and Mayor John Henry Moss who made the presentation. (Photo by Paul Lemmons).

Dr. J. E. Anthony Will Retire Soon

Doctor Ending Over 55 Years' Practice Here

Dr. J. E. Anthony, Kings Mountain's senior medical doctor, will retire on or about April 13th.

The veteran practitioner characterizes his 56 years as a doctor as "plenty of fun and hard work."

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Senator White Ready To Honor Voter Petition

By MARTIN HARMON
Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., is withholding action on the petition for election of 649 Kings Mountain citizens on the question of legalizing sale of alcoholic beverages pending "further instructions" from the city commission.

Meantime, Senator Jack White has a bill, calling for an election on the question for June 13, in his pocket and is ready to introduce it.

Senator White, in a telephone conversation Wednesday afternoon, said, "I'm ready to introduce it. I think the people are entitled to vote on the question."

He added he had not introduced the bill Wednesday, as anticipated, at the instance of Rep. Mauney.

Sen. White said he hoped, when home during the weekend, to confer with the board of commissioners and Rep. Mauney.

Rep. Mauney's statement was contained in a letter to Mayor John Henry Moss, which the Mayor received late Wednesday morning, and reiterated in a telephone conversation with the Herald Wednesday afternoon.

Rep. Mauney said he had been under the impression, until receiving a letter Monday from Rev. Robert Mann, pastor of First Baptist Church, that the board of commissioners had endorsed the citizens petition. (The commission on March 22 1) affirmed the report of City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., authenticating the 649 names and 2) voted to transmit the petition, as submitted, to the legislative delegation.)

The petition asked for an election on the question of "the establishment of an ABC store or stores and the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premises use only."

Acknowledging receipt of the letter, Mayor Moss said, "Rep. Mauney's letter was received by me late Wednesday morning with copies addressed to all members of the commission."

whom I have not yet had opportunity to confer."

Rep. Mauney wrote: "In the absence of any instructions from you as to what your wishes are regarding the petition, I am holding up any further action until I receive further instructions. I do not want to put any legislation into the General Assembly for Kings Mountain until the City Council approves."

Also surviving are his brother, L. C. Cole of Brown Summit, N. C. and two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Lindsay of Marion and Mrs. Hatie Morris of Riegleswood, N. C.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Robert Mann, pastor of First Baptist church, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Johnny Beam, Jake Hord, James White, Fred Weaver, Fred Lockridge and G. L. McDaniel, Jr.

City Politics Still As Was

The candidate list in the municipal elections remains as was: four.

No new notices of candidacy were filed this week, leading Assistant City Clerk Grace C. Wolfe to ask, "Have you ever since as quiet city politics?"

The rumor remained only slightly productive.

Dewey Styers, newspaper deliveryman, acknowledged he was considering a re-run for Ward 4 commissioner. Commissioner Norman King defeated Styers two years ago.

The Negro community still had not jelled on a Ward 5 commission candidate. Hazel Gill was being mentioned, as was Leroy Blanton.

No further reports had been heard from James L. Guyton, who said a few weeks ago he would seek the Ward 3 commission seat.

The four candidates pose two races.

Ward 5 Commissioner O. O. Walker is being challenged by Richard E. (Dick) Shaney.

Bill Babb and Alex Owens are vying for the outside-city board of education seat.



RETIRING — Dr. J. E. Anthony is retiring after 56 years as a Kings Mountain medical doctor.

Herndon Moves To Winnsboro

Warren R. Herndon, for 11 years quarry manager with Superior Stone Company, has been transferred from Superior's Statesville plant to Superior Stone's recently-acquired Rion Quarry at Winnsboro, S. C.

Mr. Herndon has already assumed his new duties. His wife and three sons will move to Winnsboro at the end of this school year.

In Winnsboro Mr. Herndon is superintendent of the Rion Quarry. He has been superintendent of the Statesville Quarry.

School Election Petition Filed For East Kings Mountain Area

Henry Whitesides, of Gastonia, attorney for a group of East Kings Mountain citizens who seek inclusion in the Kings Mountain school district, said Wednesday petition for an election had been mailed Tuesday to the Gaston Board of Education.

Approval by the Gaston board would mean transmission of the election petition to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, Attorney Whitesides said, with

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