

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 1965, and includes the 14,380 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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Mauney Pushing ABC Vote Bill; Drys Organizing

Board's Help Was Sought To Aid Passage

By MARTIN HARMON Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., in a formal statement this week, declared himself in favor of the bill to enable a city election on the question of establishing ABC stores.

The statement, addressed to the Citizens of Kings Mountain, also made the point that he had sought the formal endorsement of the city board of commissioners because he felt he "would have ten times better chance in passing a bill for the vote".

In an in-Kings Mountain conference with Senator Jack White over the weekend, the two legislators agreed they had misunderstood each other concerning the timetable on presenting the election enabling bill.

Rep. Mauney further states the bill, introduced in the Senate by Senator White Friday, had the Representative's full concurrence.

Rep. Mauney's statement follows: Fellow Citizens of Kings Mountain,

"I feel that I should not leave unanswered the editorial and the front page feature story in last week's KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD regarding the petition signed by 649 registered voters of the City of Kings Mountain, asking the governing body of the City of Kings Mountain to request the legislative delegation from Cleveland County to introduce an enabling act at the 1967 session of the N. C. General Assembly to provide for calling of an election to determine whether an ABC store or stores should be operated in the City of Kings Mountain.

"A reader of these articles would get the impression that I might be opposed to the legislation request for this ABC vote because I was delaying action on the bill until I could get a better understanding with the governing body of the city as to what their intention is in simply transmitting a petition intended for the city board on to its legislative delegation without instructions. I do not believe as a legislator I should try to enact a bill that I do not completely understand.

"Let me state here and now that I very much favor the bill to enable the people to vote on this ABC store issue. I am not trying to dodge the issue or 'sit on the fence' so to speak. I wholeheartedly approve and pledge to do all in my power to try to get the enabling act passed in both houses of the General Assembly. In approving of an election, I do not state how I will vote in the election. I am sure many people on both sides of the question have signed the petition for a vote on the issue.

"I feel that the editor of the Herald did not fully understand my position on this subject last week when he wrote that I alone was holding up introducing a bill to vote.

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Saturday Is Horse Show Day

The first Kings Mountain horse show in many years, non sponsored by the Kings Mountain Saddle Club, will be held Saturday afternoon and night at City Stadium, with performances at 2:00 and 7:30.

Richard Barnette, spokesman for the Saddle Club, said that entries are expected from all neighboring cities, including Gastonia, Dallas, Charlotte, Lincoln, Boiling Springs and Rutherford. There will also be entries from Kings Mountain, he added.

Each show will feature 14 classes, with four ribbons being presented in the afternoon divisions and four ribbons and a trophy for the Saturday night divisions.

Four young ladies will be on hand to present the awards.

"We expect a good show," said Barnette. "We're very fortunate in being able to have the show at City Stadium. It is well-lighted and has a good public address system."

Charles Craig, Jr., of Hudson, will serve as judge, George Derr of Stanley will be ringmaster and B. F. Houser of Dallas will be master of ceremonies. Mayor John Henry Moss will serve as ribbon marshal.



TAPPED — Sara Hendricks, student at Wake Forest college, has been tapped for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's top scholastic fraternity. She is daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hendricks.

Miss Hendricks Phi Beta Kappa

Sara Adele Hendricks, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Hendricks of Kings Mountain, is among 36 Wake Forest College students who have been named to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's top scholastic fraternity for liberal arts students.

Miss Hendricks is majoring in chemistry.

She is a member of Gamma Sigma Epsilon, honorary chemistry fraternity and Kappa Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics fraternity. She has served as a counselor for the Woman's Government Association.

Rites Thursday For Mrs. Beam

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mollie Brown Beam, 83, of Grover, widow of Samuel M. Beam, will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from Bethany Baptist church of which she was a member.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 3:30 p.m. Rev. James Sanders, Rev. Wayne Haynes and Rev. Wayne Tuttle will officiate at the final rites. Interment will be in Grover cemetery.

Mrs. Beam died at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Kings Mountain hospital after six week's illness. She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Brown.

Surviving are five sons, Carl Beam of Blacksburg, S. C., Floyd and Harry Beam, both of Shelby, and James and Broadus Beam, both of Grover; five daughters, Mrs. V. J. Hardin, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. James Byers and Mrs. Knox Neely, all of Grover, and Mrs. Ray Nichols of Shelby; and two brothers, Wayne L. Brown of Waco and Mac Brown of Lincoln. Also surviving are 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Lions Conducting Annual Broom Sale

The Kings Mountain Lions club's annual broom sale for benefit of the blind is underway. Brooms sell for \$1.50 each and proceeds aid the area blind and those from throughout the state.

Hal Plonk is Lions club president.

Hospital Delegation Discusses Extended Care Addition In Raleigh

A Kings Mountain delegation conferred in Raleigh Tuesday with officials of the North Carolina Medical Care commission concerning allocation of federal funds for the building of a 40-bed extended care unit.

The conference was arranged due to the indication that more federal matching funds will be available for non-intensive care facilities than for regular hospital construction and the continuing indication that Kings Mountain's initially projected 25-bed addition is far down the priority scale.

William F. Henderson, medical care association executive secretary, has expressed doubt since 1965 that Kings Mountain will qualify in the near future for federal matching funds. He told the Kings Mountain group Tuesday that he has in hand about

Dry Forces Were Meeting At Presstime

By MARTIN HARMON Kings Mountain dry forces, opposing the proposed legal sale of alcoholic beverages, were to organize Wednesday night.

Rev. Robert Mann, pastor of First Baptist church, said the meeting was to be convened at 8:30 at the First Baptist church.

He said he was not the leader of Kings Mountain dry forces, though acknowledging he had been credited with being the leader.

"I anticipate," he continued, "that the leadership will come from laymen who oppose the sale of alcoholic beverages, legal or otherwise."

Rev. Mr. Mann said wet leaders had talked with him prior to circulation of the petition seeking an election on question of establishing ABC stores and legalizing sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption.

"I told them, if they would leave the pressure off, I would be quite content to reciprocate and let the voters decide the issue. The pressure (from the wets) has been terrific," Rev. Mr. Mann continued.

Except for stating he opposed the provision of the election bill now in the Senate which would permit an election on the issue a year hence, Rev. Mr. Mann did not indicate other courses of action the dry organization might take.

Lions To Hear Terry Sanford

Kings Mountain Lions, along with members of four other Lions clubs, will attend a zone meeting in Shelby Tuesday night at which former-Governor Terry Sanford will be the principal speaker.

Other clubs include the two Shelby Lions club, Grover and Boiling Springs.

The joint gathering will be at Hotel Charles at 7 p.m. Kings Mountain Lions will gather at the Woman's Club here at 6:15 for the trek to Shelby. President Hal S. Plonk announced.

The ex-Governor formed a law partnership, with offices in Fayetteville and Raleigh, after leaving office in January 1965. He has continued his interest in promoting of quality education and is heading a major fund drive for Wake Forest college.

Walker Sells Home, Still Ward 5 Man

Robert O. (Bob) Southwell has purchased the 804 Williams street residence of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Walker and the contract calls for the Southwells to take occupancy in May.

Would Mr. Walker, Ward 5 city commissioner and candidate for re-election continue to live in Ward 5 (mandatory for serving as Ward 5 city commissioner)?

"I will continue to live in Ward 5," Comm. Walker said.

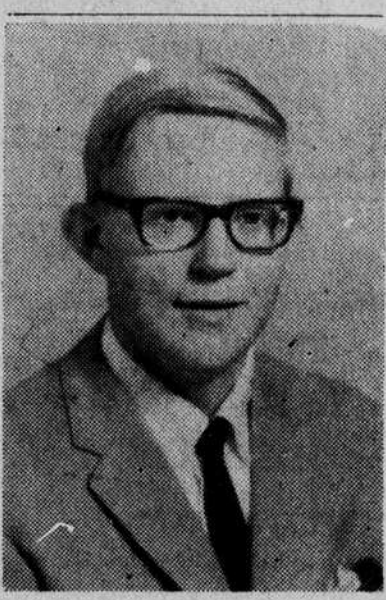
BUILDING PERMIT Shuford Peeler has purchased a city building permit for construction of a six-room brick veneer residence, estimated to cost \$18,000, on Meadowbrook road.

M. E. Wright & Son is contractor.

\$25 million in grant applications. Anticipated grant funds are from \$6 to \$7 million annually. Cleveland County voters authorized \$500,000 for the local share of a Kings Mountain hospital addition in February 1964. If the money is unexpended within five years, the borrowing authority lapses. County commissioners were informed of the Kings Mountain Hospital board of directors probing of the new project Monday. No action was asked. The delegation in Raleigh Tuesday included, George H. Mauney, chairman of the hospital board of directors; R. E. Hambricht, James E. Gibson, Mrs. George Houser, and Hill Lowery, directors; Dr. Joseph Lee, of the hospital medical staff; and Beverly Freeman, of Freeman & White, architects, of Charlotte.

Mayor Moss Files For Re-election

Kings Mountain Fire Out; Crowder's Still In Flames



TAPPED — Danny Dyke, rising senior at Kings Mountain high school, has been selected to attend Governor's School this summer to study science.

Dyke To Attend Governor School

Danny Dyke, rising senior at Kings Mountain high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert J. Dyke of 31 Elm street, has been selected to attend the Governor's School of North Carolina, a six-week all-expense paid summer school for gifted students, this summer in Winston-Salem.

Supt. B. N. Barnes said Dyke will study science.

Recipient of the Plonk Scholarship medal in the ninth grade, Dyke has won awards in history and science in elementary and high school. He was recipient of the Shuford Science medal and is active in the Latin, Science and Health Career clubs. He is a member of the annual staff.

Young Dyke expects to pursue a career in science or medicine and expects to enroll at UNC at Chapel Hill or Duke University for post high school training.

Books Sent To Area Vietnam Servicemen

Paperback books and current magazines were received by 16 Kings Mountain area servicemen in Vietnam Sunday afternoon.

The cargo was placed aboard the plane of Major C. W. Gallant, North Carolina Air National Guard, at 7:30 Saturday at Douglas Airport in Charlotte.

Mayor John Henry Moss's office was collection center for the books.

Contest awards were announced on Saturday evening.

Text Of Referendum Bill

Here are the salient provisions of Senate Bill 197, a bill to authorize a referendum in the City of Kings Mountain on off-premises sales of beer and wine and alcoholic beverage control stores, as the bill was introduced last Friday by Senator White of Cleveland, and if enacted:

Costly Blaze Burned Over Some 500 Acres

A forest fire which burned approximately 500 acres on Kings Mountain was reported out Wednesday, but a 100-acre fire on Crowder's Mountain continued to burn out of control.

National Guard units from Kings Mountain, Gastonia and Charlotte were called in Tuesday to assist forestry officials and volunteer fire departments which have been working at the scene since the fires started Saturday.

Gaston Rural Police are investigating the possibility that the fire was set by an arsonist. However, no arrests have been made in connection with the fires.

The fires are said to be the worst in this area since 1964.

Burning permits across the state have been cancelled until the area receives a much-needed rain.

Thus far there have been no reports of property damage other than the woodlands.

Two other fires in North Carolina have charred more than 13,000 acres and the threat of additional devastating timberland blazes still hung over much of the state Wednesday.

The largest fire swept through 8,000 acres of woodland near the Pender-Onslow County line southwest of Jacksonville. State forestry officials said the flames had been contained late Tuesday.

A blaze near Fayetteville scorched over 5,000 acres of forest, burning for two days before being controlled Tuesday.

National Guardsmen built a fire wall at the Kings Mountain fire Tuesday, and bulldozers were also brought in from a Gastonia construction company.

Presswomen Tap Miss Stewart

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Kings Mountain Herald women's editor and circulation manager, was elected District 1 chairman of North Carolina Press Women at the annual spring institute Saturday and Sunday at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Two Cleveland County women — Miss Stewart and Mrs. W. P. Gheen of Shelby — attended the institute. Mrs. Gheen, former editor of The Cleveland Times at Shelby, won a second place award in feature writing in the 1966 newspaper contests.

Former recipients of the Chambers Scholarship who have completed their four-year college training under this scholarship program are:

Mrs. Mary (Adams) Plummer, daughter of former employee, Jack Adams, who received her degree from A. and T., Greensboro, N. C.

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WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Chris Pressley has won a Chambers scholarship from Foote Mineral Company and will enter the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina in September.

Chris Pressley Foote Scholar

Christopher E. Pressley has been awarded a Chambers Scholarship from Foote Mineral Company, according to an announcement by E. R. Goter, manager of the Kings Mountain Operations.

Pressley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Pressley and will graduate from Kings Mountain high school in June. He plans to attend the University of North Carolina and study Journalism.

This scholarship program was started in 1954 by Gordon Chambers, president of Foote Mineral Company, and his wife, primarily for the education of children of Foote employees. Upon Mr. Chambers' retirement in 1961, Foote Mineral Company decided to continue the scholarship awards and accepted, the responsibility to provide the financial support of the program. To qualify for an award, one parent must be currently employed at Foote Mineral Company; the applicant must have a good scholastic record and must maintain a "B" average on a cumulative basis for his entire college career.

"We are pleased to have another successful candidate for this scholarship," said Mr. Goter, "and will follow, with interest, his college career."

Former recipients of the Chambers Scholarship who have completed their four-year college training under this scholarship program are:

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Mayor Declares Water Is City's Big Job Ahead

Mayor John Henry Moss announced Wednesday he will seek re-election and paid the \$100 filing fee.

His was the only new candidacy of the past week.

At a press conference Wednesday afternoon, the Mayor distributed a formal statement, then answered questions concerning it.

He said:

1) He regards the Buffalo Creek water-recreation area project as by far the most important facing the next administration, adding, "We're at virtually maximum daily usage, both as to treatment capacity and source."

2) Chief accomplishments of his administration are establishment of a long-term budget plan, which made possible building of the two million gallon water tank without bond borrowing, around-the-corner fruition of the sewage system project, and planning work for many other community projects employing, if approved, more than \$2 million in federal and state grants.

3) He has no real disappointments out of his first term. "It's much like farming," he compared. "One plants, tills, waits and hopes for a large crop. We've planted, are tilling, but haven't reached the lay-by point."

Mayor Moss is a Kings Mountain native, born in the Park Yarn community, son of Manuel A. Moss and the late Amanda Oates Moss. His grandfather had moved here in the late eighties.

Mayor Moss is a veteran of army service in Europe in World War II, was Ward 4 commissioner 1947-49. He subsequently was of general manager of the Rock Hill baseball team and held the same position in the Detroit Tiger organization for five years.

He later was general manager for a professional football team and formed the John Moss Agency, a Wausau, Wisconsin, public relations firm. He was a leader in reviving the Western Carolina baseball league in 1959, is its president, and, until his election two years ago, was a manufacturer's sales representative in the seven southeastern states.

He is councilman member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, member of the American Legion, VFW, Rotary, and Elks.

Mrs. Moss is the former Elaine Beilke, of Wausau. They live at 504 Crescent Hill road.

The Mayor's statement follows: "In announcing my candidacy for the Office of Mayor of the City of Kings Mountain on February 10, 1965, I promised, if elected, to devote my time, energy, and whatever talents I possessed to give progressive leadership to the task of making our city a better place to live. After nearly two years in office, with a cooperative and progressive citizenry and a dedicated city council, I feel that a progressive leadership has resulted.

"THE TASK OF TOTAL DEVELOPMENT OF KINGS MOUNTAIN HAS BEGUN. The accomplishments are gratifying. The prospects for the future are great

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SEEKS RE-ELECTION — Mayor John Henry Moss is seeking a second term. He paid the filing fee Wednesday.

Registration Books To Open

Registration books will open at eight precincts Saturday for the May 9 city and board of education elections.

At three outside city precincts voters will help determine only the election of a member of the board of education representing outside city school patrons.

At the five in city precincts voters will elect a mayor and five ward commissioners.

Park Grace district patrons will register and vote at Park Grace school, Bethware district patrons will register and vote at Bethware school and Grover district patrons will register and vote at Grover Rescue Squad building.

All other ward voting places will be the same as applied in the 1965 city election.

New citizens must register to vote.

Citizens who have changed residences within the city must obtain transfers.

Registration books will remain open for four successive Saturdays from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and will be open for public inspection and challenge on Saturday, May 6.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9.

Voting precincts and list of judges follows:

Ward 1 at City Hall, C. L. Black, registrar, Mrs. Nelle C. Cranford, judge.

Ward 11 at the American Legion building, R. D. Goforth, registrar, Mrs. Ruth Thomason and Mrs. Thomas L. Trotter, judges.

Ward 111 at East school, Mrs. Ruth Bowers, registrar, and Mrs. Bertie McDaniel and Rochel Connor, judges.

Ward IV in the fellowship hall of First Wesleyan Methodist church, Mrs. Vera Cole Cash, registrar, B. R. Tate and Mrs. James Pearson, judges.

Park Grace district at Park Grace school, Mrs. James W. Cloninger, registrar, John Cloninger and Mrs. George C. Barber, judges.

Bethware district at Bethware school, Mrs. Harold Herndon registrar and Mrs. J. D. Jones and W. A. Wright, judges.

Grover district at Grover school, Mrs. James C. Scruggs, registrar, and Ethel Martin and Mrs. W. W. McCarter, judges.

Tax Equalization Said Preliminary

B. N. Barnes, superintendent of Kings Mountain district schools, said Thursday night at a joint meeting of county district, Shelby district and Kings Mountain school officials, he regarded equalization of the supplemental school operational taxes as the first preliminary to possible county-wide school consolidation. Shelby district is authorized to levy a supplemental tax up to 40 cents per \$100 property valuation. Kings Mountain district is authorized to levy a tax up to 20 cents per \$100. The county district has no authorization for a supplemental levy.

Gaston Board's Attorney Studies East KM Annexation Petition

By ELIZABETH STEWART There were these developments this week in efforts by a group of East Kings Mountain citizens seeking inclusion in the Kings Mountain school district:

Hunter Huss, superintendent of the Gaston County Board of Education, acknowledged receipt of a petition for an election by Linwood area citizens who are Gaston County school patrons.

Mr. Huss said the petition, accompanied by maps of boundary lines, is in the hands of their attorney, Mr. Smith, of Belmont. He said he did not know when action would be taken by the education board.

Henry M. Whitesides, of Gastonia, attorney for the Kings Mountain petitioners, said he would meet with the Kings Mountain board of education at the April 17 meeting.

Mr. Whitesides said he anticipates the Gaston board will consider the petition at its May meeting. Approval of the Gaston board would mean transmission, he said, of the election petition to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners with the law mandating that the commission order the election.

Currently, several East Kings Mountain children — residents of the City of Kings Mountain, but also of the Gaston school district — are attending Kings Mountain district schools via a one-year court dispensation.

Under state law, changes in district bounds must be made prior to July 1, if the new boundaries are to be controlling during the subsequent school term, Kings Mountain Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported.