

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 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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City Board Acts To Augment Supply of Raw Water

Four Incumbents File; Guyton Challenges Ellison

Voluntary Conservation Is Requested

By MARTIN HARMON

The city board of commissioners took steps Tuesday night to alleviate the prospective water shortage by

1) Authorizing efforts to obtain an auxiliary source of supply and

2) Asking the voluntary cooperation of individual citizens, business and industrial establishments in water conservation efforts.

Working through the State Board of Health, the state office of Civil Defense, and the Army Corps of Engineers, the city expects to obtain eight-inch steel pipe which would be laid on ground-top to pipe raw water to the Deal street treatment plant. The borrowed pipe, required pumps and motors would be obtainable for the cost of freight to and from the army depot at Rockwell, Tenn.

The city was checking the flow of Dairy Branch Wednesday as the probable auxiliary source of raw water.

Meantime, the city was getting an assist from Neisler division of Massmo, Inc., which runs a virtual dead heat with Craftspun Yarns, Inc., as the city's largest water customer.

James E. Dickey told the board of commissioners at Tuesday night's regular meeting that his firm has already taken steps to activate wells it has not been using and that it has already cut consumption of city water to a considerable degree and will soon cut consumption more.

Explaining Wednesday, Mr. Dickey, who with Al Slater has a farm adjacent to the Davidson reservoir, said, "I've been watching that lake since its low point in December." He said a "good" well under the Margrace plant not in use is being activated and, on receipt of new pumps promised this week, will activate three more wells.

He said his firm is tightening dyeing procedures. During a recent six-month period the Margrace plant's average monthly consumption was slightly in excess of eight million gallons.

Mayor John Henry Moss reported to the commission Tuesday night that all industrial firms had been requested to cooperate in the voluntary conservation effort and that all had pledged their best efforts. Several have wells which can be activated, he reported.

Three days last week, George Moss, water plant superintendent reported, 1.9 million gallons of water were treated against the plant's rated capacity of two million gallons daily. Tuesday's pumpage was 1.7 million gallons, Monday's 1.3.

Specifically, the city board resolution states:

"Due to the long drought beginning last summer and continuing, the city board of commissioners urgently requests all citizens to voluntarily conserve water by ceasing use of water for all non-essentials."

The Mayor suggested that watering of lawns and shrubs and washing of autos should be held to a minimum. He also urged all citizens to be especially attentive to precautions against fire.

City And C Of C To Honor Doctor

The City and Chamber of Commerce will collaborate in the near future in honoring Dr. J. E. Anthony, Kings Mountain physician, who is retiring today after more than 55 years of practice here.

Joint announcement was made by Mayor John Henry Moss and W. S. Fulton, Jr., president of the Chamber of Commerce, who will serve as co-chairmen of the event.

The board of commissioners Tuesday night passed a resolution of appreciation for Dr. Anthony's "long, dedicated and meritorious service" and voted to award him a certificate of merit at "appropriate ceremonies."

During the discussion, Mayor Moss inquired of members and other citizens present how many had enjoyed the superintendence of Dr. Anthony at their births. Several hands were raised, including those of Comm. Seimore Biddix and City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr.

Shelby Comm. Lester Roark, formerly of Grover, recalled that Dr. Anthony had been family physician at the Roark home.

Liquor Election Bill Getting Amendments

Senate Bill 197, which would provide a referendum on the question of legal sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits of Kings Mountain, is in process of amendment.

Senator Jack White, who introduced the bill, told the Herald Wednesday by telephone from Raleigh that the amendments will provide:

1) The vote on the question of establishing ABC stores and on the question of legalizing the sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption will be combined into one question. (The original bill separated the ABC and beer-wine questions.)

2) The city would be permitted to allocate a portion of the profits to the county board of commissioners for expenditure in the Kings Mountain school district. (The original bill called for expenditure of school allocations only within the city limits.)

3) The bill would provide that state statutes governing the calling of future elections on the question would apply. State statute now specifies that no election on the question of ABC stores could be held within three years.

The original bill provided that pro-legal liquor forces could call by petition for another election after a year's time had elapsed, while the three-year limit would apply to anti-liquor forces.

Under terms of the bill the election would be held on June 13.

KM Quarry Wins Award

Twenty-six Superior Stone Co. quarries, including Kings Mountain, have received special recognition from the National Crushed Stone Association (NCSA) for operating in 1966 without a disabling work injury.

Three of the 26 received the NCSA "Gold Bar" award for operating at least five consecutive years without a disabling injury. They were among 12 quarries throughout the country to receive the top award.

"Gold Bar" awards were presented to Superior Stone Co.'s Belgrade Quarry at Reidsville, Reidsville Quarry at Reidsville, and Gordonsville Quarry at Gordonsville, Va.

Two Superior quarries were among winners of group competition. NCSA places entrants in one of five groups, depending on the total number of man-hours worked. Woodleaf Quarry at Woodleaf won the Group III award (50,001 to 100,000 man-hours worked); and Garner Quarry at Garner won the Group V award (30,000 or less man-hours worked).

According to NCSA, 185 quarries and mines competed in the safety contest. In addition to the

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Wyke Announces Several Roads To Get Topping

W. W. Wyke, district highway engineer, said this week a \$290,000 project for the widening of Cansler street from Walker to West Gold street has been approved.

The project, from the \$314,000 city share of the 1965 state road bond issue, calls for a 44-foot street, curb-to-curb. Mr. Wyke said it is contemplated extra right-of-way required will be obtained on Cansler's east side.

Sent to the highway department's advance planning division, is a request by the city for extension of Meadowbrook (an extension of Cansler) to Margrace road, Mr. Wyke reported. Such a link would provide a north-south through street south to Bethlehem community.

Advance planning is complete on the York Road improvements, a \$600,000 project due for letting to contract in 1968 and with construction to start in early 1969. Relocation of the mountain gap is planned.

He also announced these resurfacing projects in the Kings Mountain area:

- 1) Margrace road.
- 2) Fulton road.
- 3) Six-tenths miles on the west-bound lane of U. S. 74.

Also to be surfaced by the highway department is Second street, already curbed-and-guttered by the city.

Reg Alexander Wins Scholarship

Reginald Keith Alexander, high school senior student and son of Postmaster and Mrs. Charles L. Alexander, has won a \$250 academic scholarship to Gardner-Webb college.

Gardner-Webb college this week announced the recipients of its \$10,000 in academic scholarships. Forty-six students received grants ranging from \$500 to \$100.

Robert Abrams, director of admissions, said students from Cleveland and Gaston counties dominated the \$500 scholarship bracket.

BARBECUE SUPPER

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a barbecue chicken supper Saturday from 5 until 8 p.m. at the department headquarters. Plates are \$1.50 and tickets may be purchased from any member or at the door. Funds will be used to purchase fire-fighting equipment.

First Union National Promotes Jonas To Rockwell Branch Manager

William G. (Bill) Jonas, Installation Loan Manager of the Kings Mountain office of First Union National Bank, has been promoted to First Union's Rockwell, N. C., Office.

Mr. Jonas has been associated with First Union and its predecessor in Kings Mountain, First National Bank, over 15 years. During the majority of this period of time he has served as Installation Loan Manager.

Announcement of Mr. Jonas' promotion was made by E. R. Alexander, Jr., executive officer in charge of the bank's Kings Mountain branch. Mr. Alexander stated, "We know that we are going to feel a deep loss in Mr. Jonas' promotion and transfer to Rockwell, but we are extremely happy and pleased to see Bill Jonas receiving this promotion and will look forward to much progress for him in the future. It has been a pleasure to have been associated with him and we

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Cansler Street Project Approved



DELEGATES — Donna Ann Crawford, top, and Beverly June Frederick have been named delegates to Tar Heel Girls' State by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Two Are Named To Girls State

Donna Ann Crawford and Beverly June Frederick, rising seniors at Kings Mountain high school, have been named delegates to Tar Heel Girl's State June 25-July 1 at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Announcement was made by Mrs. J. M. Rhea, chairman of Girls' State committee from Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary annually selects two representatives to attend.

Delegates are chosen on basis of good citizenship and qualities for leadership. They must also hold good scholastic ratings and be active in church, school and community affairs.

Miss Crawford is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Donald Crawford and Miss Frederick is daughter of Mrs. Annie Sue Frederick.

Harris Resigns Wesleyan Post

Rev. John Harris, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church the past four years, has resigned to accept the call of Asheville Wesleyan Methodist church.

Rev. and Mrs. Harris and two sons will move to Asheville in late July.

Mr. Harris, a graduate of Central Wesleyan college, came to his present pastorate from Greensboro.

Mrs. Harris is the former Beulah Kidd. In Kings Mountain Rev. Mr. Harris has been active in the Ministerial Association.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday totaled \$237.65, including \$138 from on-street meters, \$24.15 from off-street meters, and \$75.50 in fines.

Drys Organize, Mrs. Huffstetler Named Secretary

Approximately 65 citizens, representing 11 churches, gathered at the First Baptist church last Wednesday night to form an organization opposed to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City of Kings Mountain.

A second meeting was to be held Wednesday night at 8:45 at the First Baptist church with several other citizens expected to attend.

Mrs. Andy Huffstetler was elected secretary of the new organization, to be called the "Citizens Against Sale of Alcoholic Beverages", and other officers were to be elected at Wednesday's meeting.

Rev. Robert Mann, pastor of the First Baptist church, called the meeting and the other ministers of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association selected members of their congregation to represent their churches at the organizational meeting.

Rev. Mann, who acted as spokesman for the group until the officers were elected, said that the purpose of this organization is "to represent the people opposed to the referendum calling for the sale of alcoholic beverages in our city, and to keep the public's mind clear on the facts."

The referendum, now before the North Carolina House and Senate, would call for an election on June 13, with registration being held the two weeks prior to that date. The bill was submitted to the Senate by Senator Jack White of Kings Mountain.

"There is a far greater number of people who do not want it," Rev. Mann told the gathering, "and we want to have a group to go on record to make a statement when needed to do so."

Rev. Mann said that the closing paragraph of the bill before the Senate states that if the vote for the sale of liquor in Kings Mountain fails, then an election can be held each year until it passes.

"We would not have a chance to vote every year if it passes," said Rev. Mann. "That is not fair and ethical."

"In eight weeks," said Rev. Mann, "the issue will be decided, so it's time for us to stand up and be counted for. We will not benefit dollar-wise," he added, "and even if we did, rather than to have something destructive, I'd rather be minus ten dollars in the bank."

Kiwanis Talent Show Thursday

Fifty-five Kings Mountain area students will compete for trophies in Thursday night's 10th annual Schools Talent Show sponsored by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Curtain time is 8 o'clock tonight in Central school auditorium.

The contestants are all winners in preliminary talent competition held this spring in the nine schools of the district system.

All proceeds from the talent show will be used for lighting John Gamble Memorial Stadium and the show sponsors are anticipating the goal will be exceeded.

"We're expecting a record crowd and invite citizens to come early for a good seat," said H. D. (Snooks) McDaniel, publicity chairman.

B. S. Peeler, Jr. will be the show's master of ceremonies.

In Division 1, third and fourth grades, a rhythm dance, "The Alley Cat" will be performed by Susan Smith, Linda Kiser, Barry Wood, Patricia Herndon, Richard Gillespie, Debra Gladden, Gary Smith, Jean Ware, Sandra Conner, Richard Morrison, Ronald Barber, Kim Smith, and Kathy England. Bruce Boyles will give limitations of "T. V. Themes"; Jeff Walker will sing "Bimbo"; Kenny Falls will sing "Winchester Cathedral"; Linda Holland will stage a song and dance act and Scott Moss will sing "My Cup Runneth Over."

In Division 11, seventh and

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CONTESTANTS — City Commissioner T. I. (Tommie) Ellison, above, is being challenged for his Ward 3 seat by James L. Guyton.

City Pay Raise Bill Introduced

Senate Bill 220, introduced by Senator Jack White last Thursday, would amend the city charter to provide increased pay for mayor and commissioners.

Maximum salary now payable to the mayor is \$6000 per year, with the minimum payable \$600.

Under terms of the bill the mayor will be paid \$8500 per year, minimal and maximal.

Commissioners are now paid \$25 per month per regular monthly meeting attended.

Under terms of the bill commissioners will be paid \$75 per month.

Effective date would be July 1. The bill was referred to the Senate committee on salaries and fees.

Willis Resigns Westover Post

Rev. Floyd Willis, pastor of Westover Baptist church six and a half years, announced his resignation at Sunday worship services.

Mr. Willis is resigning to accept a call to Youngstreet Baptist church of Concord. He will assume his new pastorate duties in six weeks.

The Baptist minister is serving this year as treasurer of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Candidates Now For All Offices; Third Contest

Filing of candidates for city office during the past week produced a full slate of incumbents seeking re-election and a second contest for a seat at City Hall.

James L. Guyton, masonry contractor, paid his filing fee last Saturday.

When remaining members of the Moss Administration paid their filing fees Wednesday, a re-run of the 1965 Ward 3 race was posed, with Mr. Guyton challenging Commissioner T. J. (Tommie) Ellison, a grocer and senior member of the commission.

Also filing Wednesday morning were Commissioner Ray W. Cline, Ward 1, seeking a fourth two-year term; Commissioner Seimore Biddix, Ward 2, seeking a second term and Commissioner Norman King, Ward 4, seeking a third term.

The filing deadline is 11 days distant — Monday, April 24, at 4:30 p.m.

As of Wednesday there are two other contests. Ward 5 Commissioner O. O. Walker, retired water-sewage contractor, is being challenged by Richard E. (Dick) Shaney, former highway patrolman. Bill Babb and Alex Owens are vying for the board of education seat being vacated by H. O. (Toby) Williams.

Comm. Ellison was first elected to the commission in 1947 and is completing his seventh term since his first election. He said Wednesday, "During the strong shortage of 1953-54, I strongly supported tapping Buffalo Creek as did state officials and the city's engineer. I am therefore particularly interested in the fruition of this project, as it appears Kings Mountain now has no choice but to proceed on the Buffalo project. In addition, there are other major projects virtually in process or planned, and I feel my experience can be beneficial during the coming term."

Mr. Ellison is trustee board chairman of Grace Methodist church and a Mason. A native of Union, S. C., he has lived in Kings Mountain for 46 years.

Comm. King stated: "After very careful consideration, I have decided again to offer myself as a candidate for re-election as city councilman from Ward Four (4). The two terms you have honored me to serve you have been challenging and rewarding, and much has been accomplished due to dedicated leadership and co-operation of the citizenry.

"This administration has accomplished much in the past two years that is a benefit to all our citizens as well as our employees, new equipment, curbing, paving streets, better lighting, as well as resurfacing existing streets. Many plans are now in progress that with your help and support will materialize and we shall see a greater Kings Mountain.

"If you decide to honor me again as your city councilman from Ward Four, with God's help and guidance, we shall have

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Keeter, Mauney, Maxey, Timms, Tate Head C of C Committees

Richard Maxey, banker, and Charles F. Mauney, industrialist, have been named to head key committees in the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Appointment of members of five working committees were made at the initial meeting of the board of directors last week.

Mr. Maxey, chairman of the committee on downtown improvement, called a meeting of his group Tuesday morning. Parking improvements and trash disposal in the downtown area were listed as major problem areas. The committee, which includes Mauney, Tom Tate, B. S. Peeler and J. C. Bridges, will meet regularly.

Charles Mauney will head the committee on business development. Serving with him are Joe Smith, Hubert McGinnis and Jay Keeter.

Keeter will head the membership campaign and serving with



CANDIDATES — City Commissioners Ray Cline, top, Seimore Biddix, middle, and Norman King filed Wednesday for re-election.

Three In Race For Commander

Carl Wiesener and J. W. Gladden have been nominated for commander of American Legion Post 155 following nominations from the floor at Thursday night's regular meeting.

The commander position is a two-way race with Commander Clinton Jolly previously nominated for re-election by a nominating committee.

With the addition of one, the first vice-commander post now has two candidates. Nominated by a nominating committee was Gene Wright. Nominated from the floor was Bob Smith.

For second vice-commander there is a two-way race between Bruce McDaniel and Jay Powell. For historian there is a two-way race between David Delevie and Horace Cunningham.

The new officers will be elected at the May meeting.

Attorney Still Has Petition

Hunter Huss, superintendent of Gaston county schools, said Wednesday the petition of East Kings Mountain citizens for release from the Gaston county school district for annexation to the Kings Mountain school district remains in the hands of the board's attorney.

Would the Gaston board consider the petition at its upcoming Monday meeting.

Mr. Huss said he didn't know, but the attorney, Gaston Smith, has just been released from a hospital.

Asked his own opinion, Mr. Huss said budgets are based on tax valuations and to release tax valuations indicated problems.