

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 1955, and includes the 14,950 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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BARNES HONORED FOR LONG SERVICE — Schools Superintendent B. N. Barnes, right above, receives an engraved plaque and a gold watch from the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association...

Donald Jones Named Superintendent

Education Board Names Ashevilleian

Board Gives Superintendent Four-Year Pact



SUPERINTENDENT — Donald D. Jones of Asheville has been elected superintendent of Kings Mountain district schools.

Donald D. Jones, 33, of Asheville, will succeed B. N. Barnes as superintendent of Kings Mountain district schools.

Mr. Jones was employed by the Kings Mountain board of education Tuesday and was elected to a four year term.

Supt. Barnes is retiring after more than 40 years as a school administrator.

For seven years principal of Lee Edwards high school, a 1,750-student school, of Asheville, Mr. Jones was for four years a teacher and assistant principal at Lee Edwards. Previously, he taught mathematics at Vero Beach high school in Vero Beach, Fla. for a year.

A native of Asheville, Jones was educated at Oakley high school, Asheville-Biltmore college, and Carson-Newman college. He holds a B.S. degree from Carson Newman and a Master of Education degree from Western Carolina college at Cullowhee. He has also completed work on the advanced superintendent's certificate.

Mrs. Jones is the former Gladys Jones and they are parents of three children: Donna, age 11; Jeffrey, age nine; and David Jones, age three.

In Asheville Mr. and Mrs. Jones are active in Calvary Baptist church where Mr. Jones is a deacon, has directed a program of teacher training, served as associate Training Union Director and as Sunday School teacher and department superintendent. He is president-elect of the Asheville Kiwanis club, a member of the Lee Edwards Dads club, a member of the Keep Asheville Beautiful committee and on the advisory board of the Children's Home Society of Greensboro.

The new superintendent is active in a number of professional organizations, holds membership in the National Education Association, is a past president of the Western District of the N. C. Education Association and is a member of the state board of directors. He is N. C. School-College Relations coordinator for the national Secondary School Principals Association and is past president of Schoolmasters of Western North Carolina. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, professional fraternity for men in education.

Chief Pledges Crackdown Here

Chief of Police Paul Sanders warned this week city policemen have been alerted to crack down on violators of the state's prohibition laws relating to illegal transport, purchase, sale and possession of intoxicating beverages.

Concurrently, he asked cooperation of all citizens in aiding Kings Mountain policemen to enforce the laws.

"I solicit the cooperation of each and every citizen," Chief Sanders said. "With the help of all the community we can effectively diminish illegal traffic in liquor and other alcoholic beverages."

Fire Destroys Car, Building Tuesday

Fire destroyed a storage building behind the home of Kenneth Roberts on 810 N. Piedmont Ave. Tuesday morning at approximately 3:45.

According to Mr. Roberts, the cause of the fire was lightning. The building, valued at about \$1,300 and the contents, valued at approximately \$1,000, were totally destroyed.

Fire also destroyed a junk car which was being worked on behind Hayes Recycling Co. on E. King St. Tuesday afternoon at about 4:00.

McDaniel Predicts \$125,000 Surplus

Tax Valuations Are Increased By \$1,099,000

By MARTIN HARMON City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., predicted Wednesday the city would have a surplus at June 30, end of the current fiscal year of not less than \$125,000.

Meantime, though calendar year 1966 was something less than a boom building year, the city's taxable valuations increased by \$1,099,000 to \$24,215,461.

At May 31, the city's cash balances, in banks and savings and loan associations, totaled \$314,341.

The 1967 taxable valuations breakdown showed city residential lots valued at \$10,798,650, up approximately \$350,000; city commercial lots at \$3,237,510, up approximately \$238,000; personal property at \$9,194,115, up approximately \$410,000. Corporate excess values (for public utilities supplied by a state agency) have not been received and are estimated at \$985,186, same figure as in 1966.

The city's cash balances May 31 included \$41,644 in the cemetery fund, \$8,457 in the recreation fund, \$49,641 in the general fund, \$12,922 debt service fund, \$65,445 capital outlay fund, \$8,151 natural gas revenue fund, \$5,577 natural gas renewal and extension fund, and \$42,500 in water, power, and natural gas customer deposits.

Buffalo Water Plans Complete

Final plans for the Buffalo Creek lake development — to provide Kings Mountain and Eastern Cleveland County an adequate water supply — are complete.

W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte, the city's engineer, brought the completed plans to Mayor John Henry Moss Wednesday afternoon.

The plans envision a lake with 30-mile waterfront which will require from 1600 to 2000 acres. Engineer Dickson says the lake will provide for treatment from 20 to 32.5 million gallons daily.

According to the plans the first line installation will be from the treatment plant along SR 2033 to US 74, thence along US 74 to the west city limits. The line will be 24 inches in diameter.

Mayor John Henry Moss said two steps remain before forwarding the final plans to the Atlanta regional office, Department of Housing and Urban Development. These are 1) approval by the county planning board and 2) approval by the State Highway Commission.

The Mayor said he expected to confer in the near future with town officials of Grover and Waco and citizens of the Bethlehem, Oak Grove and other communities of Eastern Cleveland concerning their water needs and desires to utilize the Buffalo Creek source.

Five-Day Week At City Office

A change in schedule at the city office will become effective July 1.

The city office will be open five days each week, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 5 p.m.

Under present schedule the office opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Noon closing has been the practice on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

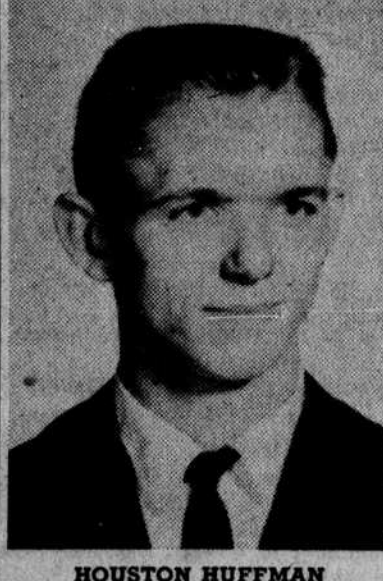
Coincidentally, the first Saturday closing will be on the effective date—July 1.



NORMAN GREEN WINSTON



RALPH P. STEWART



HOUSTON HUFFMAN

Three Students Receive Degrees

Three Kings Mountain men are among recent graduates of colleges and universities.

Houston I. Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Huffman, Sr., of route two, was graduated with B. A. in mathematics from Wofford college at Spartanburg, S. C., and will enter Textile Technology Institute in Charlottesville, Va., this September for two year graduate course.

Ralph P. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stewart of Second street, received his B.S. degree in elementary education from Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. He will teach this fall in Hobart, Indiana. Mrs. Stewart is the former Annie Hendricks of Valparaiso and they are parents of three children.

Norman Green Winston, husband of the former Ruth McCurdy of Kings Mountain, received his Juris Doctorate from Cumberland Law School of Stanford University at Birmingham, Ala. and has joined the law firm of Baker, McDaniel and Hall in Birmingham. He is son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. McCurdy of Kings Mountain. President of his legal fraternity and editor of the Legal Research and Writing Association, he was voted Phi Alpha Delta's (Continued on Page Six)

Hearing Tuesday In State Cases For Horvath

Preliminary hearing for Ernest Horvath, Kings Mountain textile executive charged on two counts of issuing worthless checks and one count of failure to pay withholding taxes, will be held Tuesday in Cleveland County Recorder's Court at Shelby.

Mr. Horvath is president of Masmo, Inc., formerly Neisler Mills Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company.

He was charged last Wednesday in warrants signed by Phillip Hege, of Shelby, a tax collector for the revenue department, and Troy K. Green of the N. C. Department of Revenue. He posted bonds totaling \$38,000.

Horvath is charged with issuing two worthless checks to the N. C. Department of Revenue in the amount of \$6,769.45 each. In a third warrant he is charged with failure to pay withholding taxes in the amount of \$6,937.98. According to the warrant signed by Troy K. Greene of the Department of Revenue, this was the amount withheld from employees' salaries during the month of April.

According to records in the clerk of recorder's court office, Mr. Horvath on June 15th paid three worthless checks drawn to the N. C. Department of Revenue totaling \$15,098.28. The checks were written April 24, 1967 for the amounts of \$5,000, \$5,000 and \$5,098.28.

Horvath's address is listed on the warrants as 120 E. End Avenue, New York City.

Kee Harmon's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Phillip Key Harmon, 78, were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from El Bethel Methodist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Harmon, well-known farmer in the El Bethel community, died of a heart attack Thursday at 8 p.m. at Eagler Roller Mill in Shelby where he was delivering wheat.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Alexander and Rachel Fulton Harmon. He and his wife, the former Sally Anthony, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1962.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, M. D. Harmon of Greenville, S. C. and Earl Harmon of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Ware of Miami, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Goforth of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Wray Patterson of Dawson, Ga.; and three brothers, Avery and Marvin Harmon, both of Kings Mountain, and T. E. Harmon of Gastonia. Also surviving are five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rev. Roy Lockridge, assisted by the Rev. Frank Blalock, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in the El Bethel cemetery.

Central School Renovation Bid Accepted; Wyatt Resigns at West

The city board of education Tuesday awarded contract to the low bidder, at \$134,900, for renovation of Central Junior high school.

Renovation of the Central plant will include improvements in floors, stairways, hallways, bathrooms, classrooms.

The original school building was constructed in 1925 with an addition in 1937. The current renovation project is the major improvement work on the building since its construction.

The firm of T. C. Strickland, Jr. of Shelby was the low bidder, among three bidding for the renovation work. Other bidders were A. A. Ramsey & Son of Shelby, \$142,500, and Godfrey Construction Company of Charlotte, \$189,231.

Bids were opened at 3 p.m. in the office of Schools Supt. B. N. Barnes.

In other actions, the board of education in regular monthly session, following the bid-opening,

1) elected Donald D. Jones, 33, of Asheville, superintendent of Kings Mountain district schools for a four-year period. 2) accepted the resignation of David Wyatt, principal of West

Board To Meet Bi-Monthly; Clean-Up Drive Is Extended

Rites Friday For Bell Youth, Drowning Victim

Natural Lee Bell, 16-year-old Negro boy, drowned Monday afternoon in the Kings Mountain Mica Lake and a companion, who went to his aid, was pulled to safety by a third youth who was unable to rescue Bell.

The three 16-year-old youths, Bell, Lewis Crocker and Eugene Turner, had gone swimming about 5 p.m. in the lake, used for filtering mica, three miles south of Kings Mountain on Grover road.

Bell, a rising senior at Kings Mountain high school, stepped in to deep water and Crocker went to his aid. Crocker experienced difficulty in the deep water and was pulled to safety by Turner, who was unable to save Bell, according to investigation made by Cleveland County Coroner J. O. Harris.

Coroner Harris ruled the death accidental and said no inquest will be held.

The body of Bell was recovered at 8:45 p.m. Monday by members of the Cleveland County Life Saving Crew.

Bell was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bell of route two. Gill & Brown Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements which are incomplete.

Besides the parents, young Bell is survived by three brothers, A. C. Bell, Tommy Bell and Carl Bell, all of the home, and three sisters, Louise, Doris and Shirley Bell, all of the home.

Temple Baptists Call Shirley

Rev. Frank Shirley, pastor of Broad Mouth Baptist church of Honea Path, S. C., has accepted the call to become pastor of Temple Baptist church and will assume his new duties July 16th.

Rev. C. C. Crow of Shelby is serving as interim pastor. Rev. Mr. Shirley will succeed Rev. R. L. McGaha.

The new minister is 36, married and the father of four children.

Members of the church pulp committee are Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Fleming, Mrs. Jack Bridges, W. W. Morehead, Lloyd McFalls and Paul Ivey.

Law Firm Opens As Local Office

The Kings Mountain office of Garland, Alala, Bradley & Gray, Gastonia law firm, opened Monday.

\$22,500 Loan For Planning For KM PHA

Robert C. Weaver, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, announced in Washington Saturday approval of a \$22,500 planning loan for Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, Inc.

Chairman John L. McGill said formal notification had not been received Wednesday morning.

"However," he added, "approval of the planning grant means that the authority can move ahead with all deliberate speed in forwarding to fruition the 150-unit housing project which had been previously approved."

Chairman McGill said the authority would confer in the near future with its architectural firm, Tomberlin & Associates, Atlanta, Ga., concerning employment of an executive director and on likely sites for building the housing units—low rent dwellings for low income families.

Of the 150 units approved, 30 will be designed for elderly citizens.

At its recent regular meeting, the city commission approved a cooperation agreement with the housing authority in which the city pledges to provide the housing authority city services on same basis it provides other citizens and the housing authority pledges to pay the city ten percent of gross rents in lieu of taxes.

Next regular meeting of the authority is July 10.

Early Tuesday Morn Thunderstorm Reminiscent Of 1957's Whirlwind

By ELIZABETH STEWART A front page story in the Kings Mountain Herald 10 years ago today was headlined: "Monday's Storm Wreaks Havoc," a report of a gale - proportion whirlwind which whipped through the Crescent Hill - West Mountain street sector of the city resulting in considerable damage to properties but no injuries to individuals.

A lightning and rain storm Monday night - Tuesday morning caused scattered power and telephone difficulty for area residents.

McGinnis Department Store Annex, former Reba's Fashions, on Battleground avenue, was flooded by water about 3 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Some residents of the Bethlehem community section near Kings Mountain were without power until 8 a.m. Tuesday. Power trouble was experienced by Magraces Mill area residents and on the north side of the city where some 50 to 75 houses were without electrical power over two

hours. Kings Mountain electric crews were called at 2 a.m. to start work on restoring power and most of the work had been completed by 8 a.m.

An early morning fire destroyed a building containing stored furniture at 810 North Piedmont avenue. Firemen were called at 4:15 a.m. Kings Mountain fireman C. D. Ware said the building - owned by Ken Roberts - and the building's contents were a total loss. He speculated the fire may have started from lightning during the thunderstorm which began about 1 a.m.

A road sign on Highway 74 near Royal Motel was ripped by lightning.

The U. S. Weather Observation Station at Radio Station WADA, Shelby, reported the storm dumped 1.7 inches of rain on the county.

Dan Finger, Kings Mountain electrician, said Tuesday was a very busy day in the repair department.