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 o January 1966, and includes the 14,990 population o 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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Buffalo Project Plans Approved

ASSUMES PASTORATE — Rev. Frank Shirley of Honea Path, S. C., assumed new duties as pastor of Temple Baptist church this week. He will fill the pulpit at Sunday services.

Other Agencies Pledged City Cooperation

By ELIZABETH STEWART

The city board of commissioners voted to cooperate with other agencies in development of the Buffalo Creek water project, as it approved Tuesday night final plans and specifications.

In its action the board authorized Mayor John Henry Moss and the city's consulting engineer W. K. Dickson to proceed "full speed ahead in hastening the project's completion."

Action by the State Highway Department concerning inundation of roads in the lake area is the lone step remaining before forwarding of plans and specifications to the Department of Housing and Urban Development in support of a federal funds grant.

Division Engineer W. W. Wyke said he would submit Wednesday the city's request to the Advance Planning Department of the SH & PW and for investigation and recommendation on the required road changes.

Mr. Dickson said a conference is scheduled for Friday with the county planning board to discuss correlation of the Buffalo Creek project plans with other plans for a countywide water system.

The engineer outlined specifications of the proposed project with a map, scaled 200 feet to one inch, requiring nine subsections.

Cost of the project, which envisions a large lake north of U.S. 74 on Buffalo Creek with indicated water impoundment comparing in area to Lake Lure, is $3,138,000 including a three-million gallon per day treatment plant estimated to cost $400,000 and 40,000 feet or seven miles of water mains estimated to cost $600,000.

Preliminary estimate was $2,800,000.

Some facts about the project gleaned from Col. Dickson's report:

The dam site will be located 500 feet north of SR 2033 approximating 84 feet high, 750 feet wide, with 200 feet spillway.

The lake approximates 1,329 acres of water and a shoreline of 50 miles.

Buffalo Creek basin will store 11 billion, 600 million gallons of water. This size basin can take care of Kings Mountain's needs for many years and serve the eastern part of the county and Shelby.

Buffalo Creek would provide 20 million gallons of potable water daily and by utilizing Muddy Fork and Persimmon creeks can

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Shirley Assumes Temple Pastorate

Rev. Frank Shirley will deliver his first sermon as the new pastor of Temple Baptist church at Sunday morning 11 o'clock worship services.

Mr. Shirley comes to Kings Mountain from Broad Mouth Baptist church of Honea Path, South Carolina.

He and his wife and four children occupied the Temple Baptist parsonage on Gantt street this week.

Mr. Shirley, 36, holds a B.A. degree from Furman University at Greenville, S. C. and a B.D. degree from Southwestern University at Forth Worth, Texas.

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

Legion Proceeds With Addition

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, members voted at the recent meeting to proceed on an estimated $60,000 addition to the Post buildingg on East Gold street.

Members of the building committee are Bob Smith, Chairman, Dick McGinnis, Bruce McDaniel, Commander Carl Wiesener, Past Commander Clinton Jolly, and Adjutant Joe McDaniel, Jr.

Feature of the meeting was a report by Pat Cheshire and Jeff Mauney, the Green Post's delegates to 1967 Boys State.

R. G. Franklin Resigns; Jones Has 26 Vacancies

R. G. Franklin, principal of Central school, has tendered his resignation and already has begun work for Tarmac, Inc., manufacturer of audio-visual equipment used by schools and others.

Nominally, Mr. Franklin's resignation would raise to three number of principal vacancies in the 10-point Kings Mountain school district system.

Most likely the vacancy total is one.

Superintendent Donald G. Jones said Wednesday he will recommend to the board of education a consolidation of principalships, with one principal superintending two schools.

A replacement will be employed for the 23-teacher Central school, where only seventh and eighth grades are housed.

Supt. Jones also listed Wednesday 25 faculty vacancies.

Required for the high school faculty are five teachers, two for mathematics and one each for English, social studies and bricklaying.

Five seventh grade and five eighth grade teachers are needed at Central.

Other vacancies include a first grade teacher, three second grade teachers, one teacher for a combination third-fourth, one fifth grade teacher, and four sixth grade teachers.

Principals of two plant operations will be relieved of teaching duties.

Phillips Attends OEO Conference

Harold Phillips, chairman of the Cleveland County Community Action committee, attended a conference in Washington Tuesday on the federal programs under the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Mr. Phillips said 24 states were represented for a discussion of the several programs related to community action and to hear an address by Sergeant Shriver, OEO director.

Chairman Phillips commented, "Mr. Shriver is very sincere..".

In his address, Mr. Shriver said the great need of the OEO is for recruitment of business and industrial leadership at the local level, and he attributed troubles of the program, such as in Harlem, to a lack of "businessman" leadership.

The director further declared the program has a "vast resevoir of good will" and that "the poor will be helped if they will help themselves."

Mr. Phillips said the OEO programs have resulted in expenditure of $680,000 in Cleveland county. Currently 75 young people are employed in the neighborhood youth corps program, 30 of them in Kings Mountain.

Blanton Rites Thursday At 4

Funeral rites for T. O. Blanton, 74, of York, S. C., will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from York's Central Baptist church. Burial will be in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Blanton, brother of W. Clarence Blanton of Kings Mountain, died Tuesday in York hospital.

Other survivors include his wife; two sons; and three daughters.

Motorists! Beware Of Fogging Machine

Motorists, beware!

Smog (fog) is in Kings Mountain in the evening and wee hours, a contrast to Los Angeles, Calif., area, where the smog lifts as Kings Mountain's falls.

Kings Mountain's is manmade by the city, which Wednes-day night began using its fogging machine to destroy mosquitos and other insects.

The city's operation schedule is from 9 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Order of the night is slow speed during those hours, as it will be common for motorists to suddenly reach a patch of blinding fog.

The fogging work began Wednesday night.

Incorporation Of Center Voted

Sale Of Stock Is Anticipated Within 90 Days

Kings Mountain Convalescent Nursing Center, Inc. is in process of incorporation.

Incorporators will be Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kerns, Joe R. Smith and Robert Powell.

Mr. Smith, chairman of the committee, said negotiations are underway with two firms, one in Atlanta and one in New York, to arrange financing.

He added that the committee has been interviewing architects and anticipates that stock will be issued within 90 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerns recently purchased a 5.09 acre tract north of Sipes street between Edgemont Avenue and North Goforth street for the purpose of erecting a nursing home.

City Board Approves Study

The city board of commissioners Tuesday night authorized contract with the Department of Conservation and Development for a Neighborhood Analysis Study.

Cost of the study, a city, federal and state-shared program, is $1,560.

In other action,

1) the board advertised petition request for annexation of 11 15/16 acres of Vera Mauney Cooper property located in Coopertown off Cherryville road.

2) approved annual contract with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation.

3) approved use of an application form for applications for building permits. Citizens may obtain the form free of charge at the city offices or from the city building inspector.

City Now Has An Official Seal

Kings Mountain's first official seal will soon be available to citizens.

The city commission Tuesday night adopted a city seal.

The black and gold seal pictures the Kings Mountain skyline, the Kings Mountain monument, and a shield with the inscription "Historical City" and "Opportunity."

A 14 inch size replica will be available to motorists for use on vehicles.

The official seal with appear on City of Kings Mountain stationery and literature.

CANDIDATE — H. Pat Taylor, Jr., Wadesboro lawyer, is a candidate for lieutenant-governor subject to next May's Democratic primary. Mr. Taylor, former speaker of the House of Representatives, addressed the Kings Mountain Lions club Farmer's night banquet in February.

Two KM Firms Post Low Bids

Two Kings Mountain firms were low in bidding on three contracts for Central school renovation.

Bids were opened Tuesday by the board of education on plumbing, heating, and electrical renovations.

Low bidder on the plumbing contract at $11,560 was Ben T. Goforth Plumbing Company of Kings Mountain, at $11,560. Floyd Green, of Shelby, was second at $12,178. Other bidders were Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Company, Gastonia, $12,267; and Yarborough & Elrod, Gastonia, $12,300.

Hoke Electric, of Kings Mountain, was low bidder for electrical work at $3,489; Canipe Electric, Shelby, $3,785, was second, and Gaston Electric, Gastonia, $6,776.

Dudley Plumbing, of Shelby, was low bidder on the heating contract, at $11,860. Taylor O. Johnson, of Shelby, was second at $12,487, and Gaston Plumbing & Heating Company third at $13,738.

The board of education will consider the bids at Monday night's regular July meeting.

Renovation work by the general contractor is underway.

TO INSTITUTE

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. F. S. Morrison, Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and Mrs. Eugene McCarter will represent the Woman's club at a District Four institute and workshop Thursday (today) in Ellenboro.

$25,537 Increase In Gas Revenues Is Anticipated

Kings Mountain's Natural Gas System is expected to gross $422,412.50 in the current fiscal year or $25,537.50 more than in the fiscal year which ended June 30.

The amended budget for the previous year placed gross receipts at $389,450.

In the budget for the coming year, tentatively adopted by the board of commissioners Tuesday night, sales are anticipated as follows: residential, $137,812.50; commercial, $100,600; public building, $9,000; and industrial interruptible, $165,000.

Other revenues are expected to total $10,000.

Estimated operational profit of the year of $139,379.50 represents available monies for renewal and extension of the system and other city purposes. The city expects to pay Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation $253,808 for gas and salaries and wages of $17,500. Equipment maintenance is budgeted at $2,000, advertising at $750. Engineering fees are expected to cost $1,800.

Millard Prince Wins Promotion

Millard A. Prince of Hollywood, Fla., formerly of Kings Mountain, was recently promoted by the Postoffice to Chief Accountant from Accounting Assistant.

Mr. Prince, who has served 19 years in the Postoffice, was Foreman of Mails in the main office in Hollywood before these two promotions. In the region which includes Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina there are only 16 chief accountants.

Mr. Prince is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Prince of Kings Mountain. He and his wife, Polly, are parents of two children.

Howell To Lead Revival Series

Rev. Toy Howell will be evangelist for revival services beginning Monday, July 17th, at Community Baptist church on Highway 226 eight miles from Shelby.

Services will be held nightly at 7 p.m. through July 23.

Rev. Bill Guiton is pastor of the church.

Miss Ramsey Joins Herald

Miss Mary Beth Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ramsey, has joined the staff of the Herald.

A June graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Miss Ramsey will assist in clerical and bookkeeping duties.

She will enter Atlanta Medical School in Atlanta, Ga. in the fall.

H. D. Wright's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Hardie David Wright, 64, will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from Sisk Funeral Home Chapel in Bessemer City. Interment will be in Bessemer City Memorial cemetery.

Mr. Wright died Tuesday in Gaston Memorial hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eliza Millen Wright; a son, Emmanuel Wright of Kings Mountain; and a daughter, Mrs. William Heffner of Kings Mountain.

Rev. Doc Wilbanks will officiate at the final rites.

Boy Scouts Set Benefit Supper

Boy Scouts of Troop 91 will sponsor a watermelon slicing for benefit of the troop camping fund July 25th from 7 until 9 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The two-hour program will also include archery, horseshoe and balloon contests for youth.

Tickets are available from any Boy Scout or from Scoutmaster Otis Falls, Jr.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Kenneth Hustetler acknowledges with sincere appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy at the death of our loved one. 7:13

GRADUATE — David Humphreys Moreau recently received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Harvard University.

Moreau Wins Ph.D Degree

David Humphreys Moreau, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Page of Kings Mountain, received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Engineering from Harvard University at its recent 331st commencement exercises at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Moreau's subject area is Water Resources and his research was concerned with the development of mathematical models for decision-making in the disposal of industrial wastes.

Dr. Moreau received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Mississippi State University, and a Masters degree in Civil Engineering from N. C. State. He presently holds a joint appointment with the departments of Environmental Engineering and Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University of Florida in Gainesville. In that position he is currently conducting research for the U.S. Geological Survey in addition to regular teaching activities.

Dr. Moreau is the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Moreau of Mississippi, and is married to the former Pauline Neisler Page of Kings Mountain.

Union Service Sunday At 8

The final Union Service for the summer, sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will be held Sunday night at 8 p.m. in Central Methodist church.

Rev. D. B. Alderman, recently appointed by Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of the Western North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church as minister, announced the Union Service sermon topic will be — "Why Does It Have to Be That Way?"

The regular 11 a.m. worship hour subject was also given by Rev. Alderman — "Faith — The Victory That Stands." The public is invited to attend.

Following the Sunday night service the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Official Board will honor Rev. and Mrs. Alderman at a reception in the church fellowship hall. Worshipers will be invited to meet the new minister and his family and the community is invited to attend, a spokesman said.

Budget Includes 1966-67 Surplus Of $182,552

The city anticipates record income and expenditures of $1,331,037.06 up $10,550 for fiscal year 1967-68, with no change in the ad valorem tax rate of 85 cents per $100 valuation.

The budget estimate, as tentatively adopted, employs a June 30 year-end surplus of $182,552. Last year's year-end surplus was $257,950.

City commissioners Tuesday night approved the tentative budget and are expected to formally adopt the budget and set the tax rate on July 25th.

Mayor John Henry Moss labeled the 1967-68 budget a conservative one, at the same time building, he said, with as much long-range planning for progress as physically sound. "We (the commissioners and I) have been as liberal as possible," he said, "in anticipating disbursements."

Biggest expenditure in the budget, as last year, is earmarked capital improvements and the $337,217.50 alloted includes a carry-over from last year in the amount of $60,000 for a proposed utility building.

The anticipated budget would also provide a new fire truck for the fire department, rebalancing of the electric system and a new line truck for the electrical department, a new billing and bookkeeping machine for the city offices, pipes, mains, hydrants and water gauges in the amount of $15,760 for the water department, sewer lines totaling $10,000, a tractor and payloader, garbage truck and packer for the sanitary department, two dump trucks, a tractor and mowing machine for the street department, street paving representing $23,000 and curbing and gutter representing $87,000.

REVENUES

Major item of anticipated income, as is customary, is from power and water sales estimated at $660,000. The city has an unappropriated surplus from the previous year of $182,552.27 and expects to receive $41,168.44 from Powell Bill gas funds for street work. It anticipates a profit of $139,379.50 from the natural gas system, receipts of $190,000 from current taxes, receipts of $12,500 from back taxes, $5,800 from privilege licenses, $10,000 from water sewer taps, receipts of $14,000 from court costs, and $12,000 from meter collections. Street assessments are expected to return $10,000.

EXPENDITURES

A total of $337,217.50 is earmarked for capital improvements with $157,742 for street department equipment, paving and curb and gutter installations and for water and sewer expenditures.

The recreation department is expected to receive $12,000 represented by the recration tax levy of five vents per $100 (included in the 85c rate).

Bonded indebtedness for the city at June 30th was $400,000.

Operational expenses by departments are estimated as follows; cemetery, $13,650; Administrative, $45,400; sanitary, $43,975; street, $157,742; police and court, $89,546.58; fire, $31,400; general, $121,309; water and sewer, $97,449; electric, $297,428 and contingency, $44,894.98.

Era To End Friday As Ware Hangs Last Mail Pouch For Rail Transit

By MARTIN HARMON

An era will end here Friday afternoon at 5:15, presuming the north bound Southern Railway Crescent Limited is on schedule.

The passage of the train will mark the final mail departure by rail.

Presumably, mail has been dispatched and received by train from the time the railroad first began operating through Kings Mountain, circum 1871. Indeed, it was the railroad which made Kings Mountain a postoffice initially, gave the community its name, and contributed to Kings Mountain's growth as a center of textile production and agriculture.

Modernity takes over.

The postal department, in the interests of speeding mail transit and increased efficiency, is phasing out its railway postoffices. These pass to modernity via zip codes, sectional and regional postal dispatch centers, and the airplane. Twenty-three other communities in this area—from Advance to Tryon—complete RPO service Thursday and Friday.

Robert E. Ware, Jr., holds the distinction of being the Kings Mountain postoffice's last mail messenger—the man responsible for hanging the sacks for the RPO pick-up, and of retrieving those dumped off the passing trains.

Messenger Ware's immediate predecessors, covering four decades and more, are Rufus Phifer, the late J. K. Willis and the late Charlie Littlejohn.

Former Postmaster A. Hunter Patterson recalls the early days of Mr. Littlejohn's service. His non-motorized vehicle was "an old cart about twice the size of a wheelbarrow."

Postmaster Charles L. Alexander reports North Carolina has 13 sectional mail centers, Kings Mountain being in the Charlotte section. Mail (final tie-out 6 p.m.) goes to Charlotte and from there is dispatched to all points, up to 90 percent of it by air, regardless whether it bears air mail stamps. The Postmaster adds, "The air mail stamp assures air transport."

The Postmaster thinks the system is working. Having considerable recent correspondence with a friend in Morehead City, the Postmaster finds he received mail posted the previous evening. This mail reaches the Kinston sectional center by truck, is air lifted to Charlotte, and trucked here in time for morning delivery.

Postal Department Asked By City To Consider New Facility Here

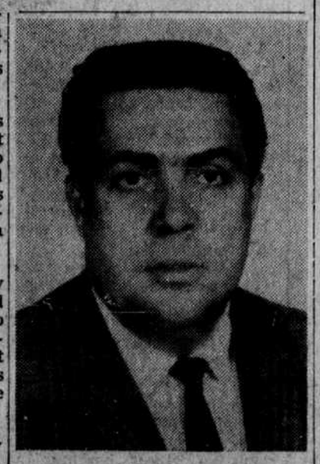
The city board of commissioners Tuesday night approved a resolution calling for the erection of a new postoffice in Kings Mountain.

Specifically, the resolution asks the U. S. Postal Department "and all proper authorities" to observe the "apparent crowded working conditions at the Kings Mountain postoffice and give consideration to the building of a new facility."

The resolution, to be signed by all five ward commissioners and the mayor, also calls attention to the traffic problem in the "congested area of Piedmont - West Mountain streets" and invites postal authorities to "observe the operation."

The present facility was erected in 1939.

Postmaster Charles L. Alexander reports inspectors from the Atlanta regional office have told him working conditions here are very crowded due to heavy increase in mail volume since the Kings Mountain postoffice was built 28 years ago.



PRINCIPAL — Charles Doug Elmore, husband of the former Jane Goforth of Kings Mountain, has been elected principal of the new 900-student $1 million North Davidson Junior high school in Welcome, N. C., in Davidson County. He is son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goforth of Kings Mountain.

Schoolman Jones' Philosophy Is "Everything To Help The Pupil"

By MARTIN HARMON

Donald G. Jones assumed the duties of superintendent of Kings Mountain district schools Monday and labeled his most immediate problem employment of a principal and 25 faculty members.

He found time — between administrative duties and teacher-hunting—to summate briefly his philosophy of his role as superintendent: "to do everything possible to help the pupils".

"I am already impressed with the progressive spirit of the members of the board of education, the principals and faculty members I have met, and citizens I have met," Supt. Jones commented.

The Jones family has moved into the Robert G. Cox residence on West Mountain street.

"There are so few of us Jones'," the superintendent jested, "that I married a Jones."

Both he and Mrs. Jones are Asheville natives and the newly named superintendent comes to Kings Mountain after serving for seven years as principal of Asheville's large Lee Edwards high school.

"I regard the superintendency of Kings Mountain district schools a challenge," he declared.

A one-time newspaper carrier for the Asheville Citizen-Times, Mr. Jones spent summers while at Asheville-Biltmore college in the Citizen-Times circulation department, later sold advertising for the Jefferson City, Tenn., Standard while a student at Carson-Newman college, where he was graduated. He earned a master's degree at Western Carolina and has completed work for a certificate as an advanced superintendent.

His teaching specialty, before entering the administrative field, was mathematics.

Supt. Jones expounds the "open door" policy. He said he hoped it will be possible to conduct vast majority of school business at the regular monthly meeting (third Mondays), at which the public will be welcome.