

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 1968, and includes the 14,900 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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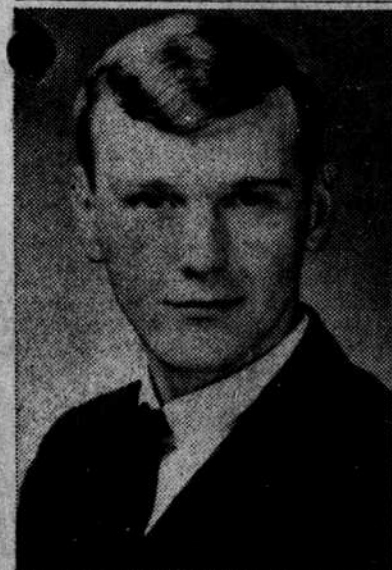
Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, August 10, 1967

Seventy-Eighth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

City Hopes To Accept Sewer System Bids In 90 Days

ESC Officials Favor Return Of Kings Mountain Branch



TRAINEE — Freddie Foster has joined First Union National Bank of Kings Mountain as a trainee in the Installment Loan Department.

Foster Joins First Union

Freddie S. Foster, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Foster of Kings Mountain, has joined Installment Loan Department of First Union National Bank as a trainee.

Announcement was made by L. E. Hinnant, the bank's executive officer.

A 1963 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Foster attended Falls college of Atlanta, Ga. Before joining First Union, Foster was employed in the administrative division of Burlington Mills' Rando Plant.

He is a member of Temple Baptist church and of the Kings Mountain National Guard.

Foster resides on Cherryville road with his parents.

Adams In Again; Assault on Wife

A Kings Mountain man, out on bond on a charge of murder, was arrested Tuesday and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Andrew Adams, 29, a Kings Mountain laborer was arrested by Cleveland County Sheriff's deputies and charged with assault on Annie Mae Adams.

Mrs. Adams was admitted to Kings Mountain Hospital Tuesday, a week after the alleged incident. According to an attending physician, she was being treated for multiple lacerations, contusions and possible fractures of the head.

The Adams woman reportedly would not report the incident until relatives called the Sheriff's Department Tuesday. The warrant charges Adams with cutting Mrs. Adams with "a large, long blade pocket knife inflicting severe wounds."

When arrested, Adams was out of jail on \$500 bond pending a Superior Court trial on the July 18 murder of Ervin Ross, Jr., of Kings Mountain who died after being shot with a 20-gauge shotgun.

Mrs. Medlin's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ida Medlin, 90, will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Mrs. Medlin was found dead at her home on Juniper street Wednesday morning at 11 a.m. She had made her home for more than 30 years with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cloninger, 105 S. Juniper street.

She was a native of Kings Mountain and a member of Bethlehem Baptist church.

She is survived by her son, James H. Medlin, of Kings Mountain; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Rev. Thomas Richle, pastor of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church, will officiate at the final rites. Entombment will be in Bethlehem cemetery.

City Ups Budget; Tax Rate Is Same

Income Sights Are Raised By \$32,500

The city commission upped its tentative estimate of income and outgo for the current fiscal year by \$32,500 on adoption of its general operating budget Friday.

Meantime, as tentatively set, the commission maintained the tax rate at 85 cents per \$100 valuation, which includes the special five cents tax for recreation. The new total budget figure is \$1,363,537.

The commission raised its sights on recreation department income (meter receipts, concession stand sales, etc.) by \$10,000 to \$22,000, and raised its estimate of income from sale of property by \$22,500 to \$25,000.

On the sale of property items, the city anticipates disposing of its City Street property when it builds a public works building on McGinnis street.

Appropriations capital expenditures were increased \$26,750 and for electrical department expenditures \$5750.

No change was made in the tentatively adopted budget for the natural gas system, with income and outgo balanced at \$422,412.50.

Mrs. Flowers' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Stella Lee Flowers, 63, widow of Thomas Henry Flowers, were held Tuesday at 4 p.m. from First Wesleyan Methodist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Flowers died Sunday at 3:15 p.m. at her home at 209 City street after an illness of several months.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of Mrs. Charles A. Baity of Kings Mountain and the late Mr. Baity. Her husband died in 1949.

Besides her mother, Mrs. Flowers is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Richard Ross of Kings Mountain; four sons, Lawrence Flowers of Jacksonville, Fla., Arthur Flowers, Marion Flowers, both of Kings Mountain, and Don Flowers of Cherryville. Also surviving are a brother, A. P. Baity, Sr. of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. Clarence

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\$363,862 Capital Fund Includes Streets, Building, Rolling Stock

The city expects to spend, during the year which began July 1, a total of \$363,862, of which street improvements will claim nearly a third at \$117,311.

There are some other major items, among them

- 1) a \$60,000 public works building;
 - 2) a \$24,262 fire truck;
 - 3) a \$32,000 billing-bookkeeping machine;
 - 4) a 24,000 tractor-payloader-trailer for the sanitary department and a \$10,500 packer-type garbage truck; and
 - 5) two dump trucks at \$10,850.
- 6) an electrical department line truck at \$17,500.
- The police department is to get two new cars, \$5,000, and two new radios, \$1,800.
- An appropriation of \$500 is allotted for a topographical map of the Buffalo Creek watershed area and city ordinance reclassification is expected to cost \$3000.
- The following streets are to be paved, curbed and guttered: Ruppe street from Gold to



REAPPOINTED—Governor Dan K. Moore has re-appointed Carl F. Mauney, above, Kings Mountain industrialist, to the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Vocational Textile School at Belmont for terms expiring July 1, 1971. Mr. Mauney is an executive of Mauney Textiles.

John Hughes Is Improving

The condition of John Lewis Hughes, who suffered severe burns in a freak accident last Wednesday, was improved Wednesday, his mother, Mrs. Conrad Hughes said.

The 32-year-old Kings Mountain man is a patient in Room 626, Charlotte Memorial hospital, where he was transferred on Friday.

Hughes, who lives with his wife and family at 911 Henry street, superintendent of the Neal Hawkins Asphalt Company here, was seriously burned and a second member of the firm's road paving crew was injured last Wednesday about 7 p.m. in a fire which erupted spontaneously when hot sand was poured onto asphalt during a paving operation off the Oak Grove road.

Hughes reportedly was riding on the running board of a sand-laden dump truck when the fire exploded without warning. He reportedly jumped from the truck and fell onto the burning tar. He received severe burns of both arms, both legs, face and back.

The driver of the truck, David Lorraine, 35, of Gastonia, was

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Owens. Woodside Dr. from Fallingwood to dead end.

Henry Street Extension. Fulton street from Cansler to dead end.

Temple street from Walker to Fulton.

Mica street from Waco to Fulton.

Meadowbrook Road Ext. W. from Hillside.

These streets are to be curbed and guttered: Monroe Ave. from Groves St. to Jackson.

First st. from Linwood to dead end.

Monta Vista Dr. from Wilson to Falls.

Waco Road from Gantt to Watterson.

Industrialists, Businessmen Ask Survey Of Need

By MARTIN HARMON

"What I report will favor opening of a Kings Mountain office if regulations permit," Phillip Bunn, assistant state director of the Employment Security Commission, said Tuesday at the conclusion of a public hearing on the question.

The hearing was attended by some 35 representatives of business and industry who, Mayor John Henry Moss estimated, employ at least 55 percent of the employees in Number 4 Township.

Asked to speak briefly on question of return of the Kings Mountain office, closed September 30, 1959, each strongly supported return of a Kings Mountain office as very much needed.

Also attending was John H. Wilson, area supervisor. He commented, "I once managed the Shelby office but had left before the Kings Mountain office was closed. However, I know the marvelous job the Kings Mountain office did under the management of the late Mary Go-forth and Franklin Ware. I favor the returning of the office."

On statement of Mr. Bunn that he would recommend to Col. Henry E. Kendall, director, of a research and statistical department survey to determine whether Kings Mountain is eligible for an office, the group, on motion of Wilson Griffin, of Griffin's Drug Store, seconded by George DeBrule, of Craftsman Yarns, Inc., the group passed unanimously a resolution asking the survey.

Mr. Bunn and Mr. Wilson said they were very impressed with the enthusiasm of the Kings Mountain businessmen for the return of the office and Mr. Bunn said he could take only one exception to any statement made.

To suggestion of Charles Blanton, Kings Mountain Drug Company, that Kings Mountain is probably largest city of the state with no ESC office, Mr. Bunn commented that there are several.

Sample comments of Kings Mountain citizens at the hearing follow:

Leonard Smith, Sadie Cotton Mills: "Service (via Shelby and Gastonia) is not comparable to that of the Kings Mountain office."

John Smathers, Park Yarn Mills: "Employment office here would be great help. Turnover is heavy."

Skelly Hunt, Superior Stone Company, "We favor return of the Kings Mountain office."

Glee E. Bridges, Bridges Hardware and president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association: "When you need an employee, you need, whether you employ one or 25."

George DeBrule: "With the acute help shortage, re-opening of the Kings Mountain problem would be a step in the right direction."

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School Board Meets Monday

The Kings Mountain district board of education will consider adoption of a system teacher handbook and will study a school plant study at Monday night's meeting.

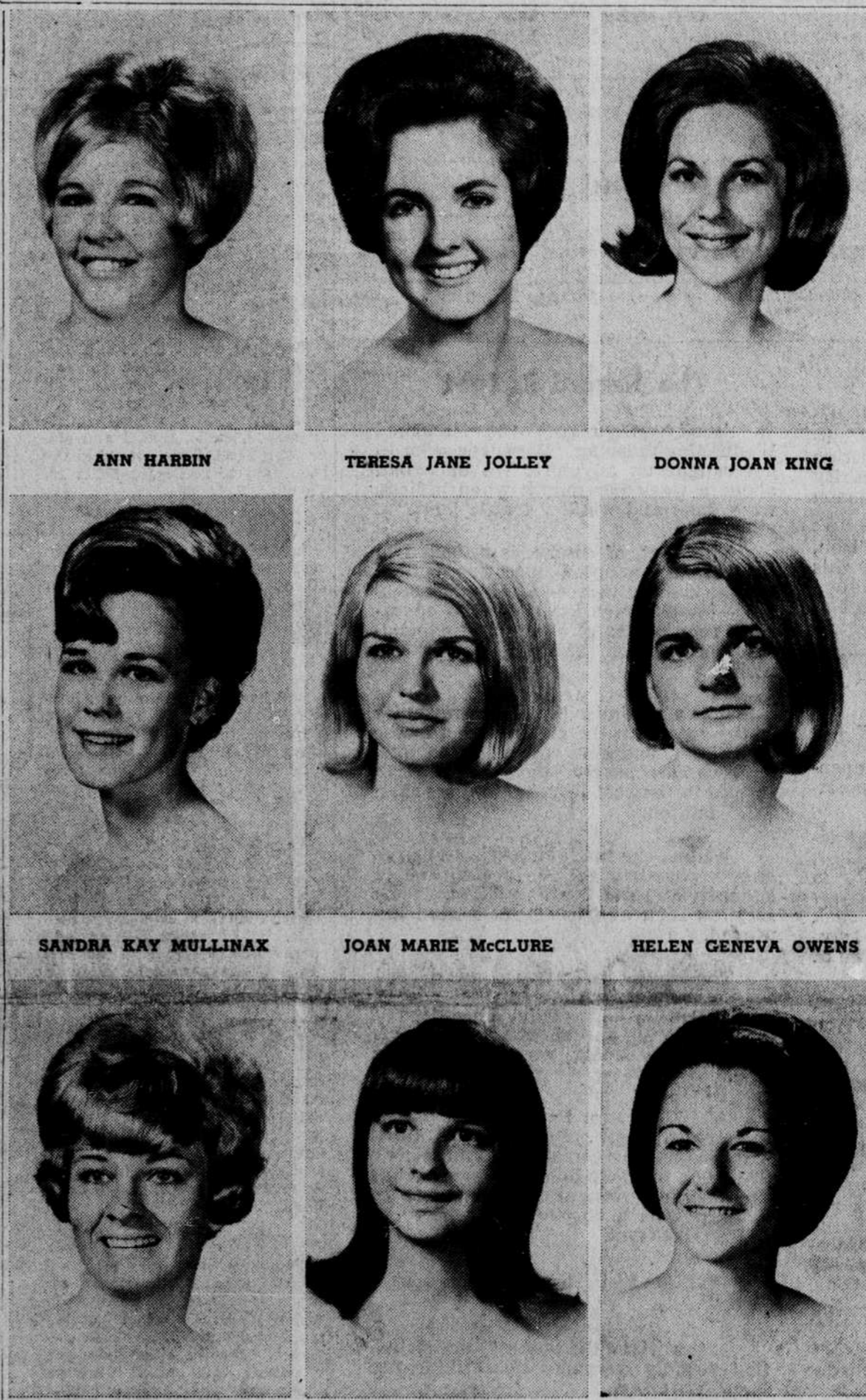
The board will convene in the office of the superintendent at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent Donald G. Jones said these are the two major items that far on the agenda and guessed both would require lengthy and detailed study.

The school plant survey report was made by the division of school planning, Department of Public Instruction.

Other business will include ratification of faculty contracts made since the previous meeting and consideration of school equipment purchasing needs.

Mr. Smith surprised the two men with the awards presentation



ANN HARBIN, TERESA JANE JOLLEY, DONNA JOAN KING, SANDRA KAY MULLINAX, JOAN MARIE McCLURE, HELEN GENEVA OWENS, PHYLLIS ANN PUTNAM, JANET LYNN SPANGLER, RITA GAIL WISE

Jaycee Beauty Pageant Set August 18; Nine Contestants

Nine Kings Mountain area beauties will vie for the title of Miss Kings Mountain 1968 in the Jaycee-sponsored beauty pageant August 18.

Plans for the pageant are well underway by the Jaycees, public chairman Joe Smith said this week.

The contestants, one of whom will succeed Reta Mae Vollbrach as the reigning Miss Kings Mountain, are Ann Harbin, Teresa Jane Jolley, Donna Joan King, Sandra Kay Mullinax, Joan Marie McClure, Helen Geneva Owens, Phyllis Ann Putnam, Janet Lynn Spangler, and Rita Gail Wise.

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pageant to be staged in the air-conditioned gymnasium of the new high school in a stage setting the Jaycees are hard at work completing.

A feature of the pageant will be talent performances by Claudine Bonner of Gaffney, S. C., Miss Cherokee County, who placed in the finals of the recent Miss South Carolina competition and who was a special guest at the Miss Tennessee pageant recently. The Limestone college student performs an original mountain clog hillbilly dance with her own banjo accompaniment. She was an audience favorite at the recent South Carolina pageants.

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Federal Agency Approves Grant Of \$388,500

By MARTIN HARMON

The city hopes to consider bids for construction of its new sewerage system within 75 to 90 days, Mayor John Henry Moss said Wednesday.

His statement followed announcement on Friday by U. S. Representative Basil L. Whitener that the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration has approved a grant offer for the project of \$388,500.

Representative Whitener telegraphed the Mayor and this newspaper:

"Federal Water Pollution Control Administration has approved grant offer for the city of Kings Mountain in the amount of \$388,500 for the construction of a new extended aeration secondary type sewage treatment plant and for addition to an existing secondary sewage treatment facility. Also for the construction of two new pumping stations with 4500 feet of force main and approximately 9 miles of new intercepting sewers. Estimated cost with site is \$1,360,000."

The grant was recommended by the North Carolina state stream sanitation committee last July.

At Tuesday night's regular meeting, the city commission formally accepted the grant offer and passed a resolution executing acceptance document (PHS Form 2690-1) agreeing to conditions set forth in the grant offer.

In another resolution concerning the western phase of the sewage project, the commission accepted suggestion from the State Stream Sanitation committee to assure low-flow impoundment on Buffalo Creek as may be required to maintain the assigned water quality standards downstream. The letter had pointed out that the Town of Blacksburg, S. C., uses Buffalo Creek for its water supply.

Mayor Moss said he was highly gratified at approval of the grant offer.

"Much work has gone into this project by Engineer W. K. Dickson and his staff, the city clerk, superintendent of public works and citizens who supported the project and voted the city bond issue authority for this long-needed project. I also am deeply appreciative of the aid given by Representative Basil L. Whitener and Senators Everett Jordan and Sam Ervin."

Mayor Moss said the acceptance document will be perused for correctness of detail by the city attorney and should be forwarded to the water pollution control administration within ten days, well in advance of the August 25 deadline. The Mayor guessed approval of plans and specifications (already in the federal agency's hands) and permission to proceed with bid invitations will follow in about 15 days. Bid advertising requires a month.

The project includes doubling of the capacity of the McGill Plant, built in 1954, to a million gallons per day. A two million gallon treatment plant on Potts Creek will serve the western portion of the city, now served only by over-loaded Imhoff-type tanks.

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Mayor To Outline Water Project Plans

Mayor John Henry Moss will outline Kings Mountain's Buffalo Creek water project plans to Shelby groups next week.

On Monday night at the Hotel Charles, he will speak to the board of directors of Shelby Chamber of Commerce.

On August 17, he will speak to the Shelby Planning and Zoning commission.