

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 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 8,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

Schools To Open Thursday; 4100 Expected In System



MISS KINGS MOUNTAIN CROWNED - Teresa Jolley, center, holds her trophy and a bouquet of roses following her crowning as Miss Kings Mountain 1968 Friday night in the Jaycee-sponsored beauty pageant.

Teresa Jolley Beauty Winner; Joan McClure Is Runner-Up



Joan King, Helen Owens Win Honors

Miss Kings Mountain 1968 is 19-year-old Teresa Jane Jolley, a rising sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Steve Martin Joining Herald

Steve H. Martin, of Shelby, will join the staff of the Kings Mountain Herald Monday.

He will assume the duties, effective September 4, of Dale Gibson, of Patterson Springs, who will return to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Martin is a son of Mrs. Howard Martin, of Shelby, and the late Mr. Martin.

Reorganization To Pare Division

30th Old Hickory Division To Be Mechanized Unit

A major reorganization of the North Carolina National Guard, as announced recently by Major General Claude T. Bowers, adjutant general, will materially reduce units and manpower in the 30th (Old Hickory) division.

The Kings Mountain unit, Company D, 105th Engineering Battalion, is a unit of the 30th division.

Sergeant Charles E. Wilson said Wednesday the company has not been informed of the projected changes.

The Kings Mountain unit includes 71 officers and men.

Major General Bowers, the adjutant general of North Carolina, said the new proposed troop list for the reorganization of the North Carolina National Guard is being studied for implementation.

The reorganization would change the 30th Old Hickory Division from an infantry division to a mechanized division. The proposed troop structure for North Carolina will allow this state 77 Army Guard units - a reduction of 15 units from the 92 currently on hand.

The new structure would provide North Carolina with a State Headquarters Detachment to include a Selective Service Section, a Headquarters augmentation and an Officer Candidate School augmentation.

Other non-divisional units would include one armored bat-

Maner Chairs Stickley Draft

B. F. Maner, Kings Mountain insurance man, has been appointed Cleveland County campaign chairman of the statewide "Draft Stickley for Governor Committee."

The state-level group is headed by Marcus T. Hickman, of Charlotte, in behalf of the potential Republican gubernatorial candidacy of Jack Stickley, Charlotte businessman.

Names of county campaign managers were announced Friday by William E. Cobb of Morganton, former GOP state chairman.

In accepting the appointment, Maner said: "I know Jack Stickley and I believe that his background ideally suits him to be a great governor of North Carolina."

Owner and manager of B. F. Maner Insurance Agency, Bob Maner has served as GOP precinct chairman and as secretary of the county GOP executive committee.



FIRST RUNNER-UP Joan McClure, rising senior at UNC-G, was first runner-up in the Jaycee-sponsored Miss Kings Mountain beauty pageant.

Phifer Buys Hardware Firm

Mariott D. Phifer, Kings Mountain hardwareman, has purchased Washburn's Cleveland Hardware in Shelby.

The transaction was completed last week.

Mr. Phifer purchased the business, which was being liquidated, from Col. George Washburn, who is retiring.

The hardware firm is one of the county's oldest businesses having been founded in 1887 by Seaton A. Washburn.

Mariott Phifer will retain his interest with his brothers, Wendell and Menzell Phifer, in Phifer Hardware here. This firm, founded in 1906 by the late D. M. Baker as Baker Hardware Company, became Phifer Hardware in 1921.

Mariott Phifer is a former Kings Mountain city commissioner and Army Strategic Air Force



WINS MASTER'S - William Anthony Goins has received his master's degree from Appalachian State University and will join the faculty of Wilson Memorial high school in Staunton, Va.

Goins Wins Master's Degree

William Anthony Goins, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Goins of 602 Phenix street, who received his Master of Arts degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation from Appalachian State Teachers college in June, 1967, will assume duties as Assistant Football and Assistant Basketball Coach and teacher of Physical Education at Wilson Memorial high school in Staunton, Virginia, on August 28.

Mr. Goins received his Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian in 1966, where he was a member of the varsity football and track teams, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

He is married to the former Jane Davenport of Mt. Airy, Mrs. Goins received her Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian in 1966 in Spanish and history. She will teach Social Studies and English at Wilson Memorial high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Goins will make their home in Waynesboro, Virginia.

Trio Held Reunion In Virgin Islands

A trio of Kings Mountain families held a reunion in the Virgin Islands recently.

Frank Pridemore, historian of Kings Mountain National Military Park, Mrs. Pridemore and family, vacationing there, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reis, Reis, a former staff member at the Park, was transferred to the Virgin Islands National Park.

Ben Moochaw, Jr., son of Kings Mountain National Military Park Superintendent and Mrs. Moochaw, is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Goodrich, Navy destroyer, which docked in the Virgin Islands last weekend.

Alexander Re-elected President Of State Postmaster Association



PRESIDENT - Kings Mountain Postmaster Charles L. Alexander has been installed for the second year as a president of the N. C. Branch of the National League of Postmasters.

Postmaster Charles L. Alexander was installed as president of the North Carolina Branch of the National League of Postmasters at their annual convention just concluded at Carolina Beach, North Carolina.

Honored guest and banquet speaker was Cecil M. Hunt, Director of Postmasters of the Bureau of Operations, Washington, D. C. During the course of his address, Mr. Hunt presented Mr. Alexander a history of the Kings Mountain Post Office, taken from the Bureau of Archives in Washington, D. C. Mr. Hunt, commenting on the history of the Kings Mountain office, stated that the first Postmaster was Turner M. Abernathy, appointed June 29, 1837.

A good representation of Postmasters and their wives were on hand from throughout the state, as well as representatives from the Atlanta Regional Office and the Atlanta Postal Data Center.

East KM Court Order Is Continued

By MARTIN HARMON

East Kings Mountain area students, living without the bounds of the Kings Mountain school district, but attending Kings Mountain schools since they entered Grade 1, may continue to enroll as formerly.

Superior Court Judge W. K. McLean, of Asheville, Tuesday signed an order extending that of Judge G. L. Houk, signed September 2, 1966, which granted permission of these students to attend Kings Mountain schools during the 1966-67 term.

Judge McLean heard request of petitioners for continuance in chambers, with only Henry M. Whitesides, attorney for plaintiffs, and Grady Stott, attorney for the Gaston county board of education, present.

There will be one change this year.

The Kings Mountain board of education has imposed a \$60 per pupil tuition fee for out-of-district students. It is the first time an out-of-district fee has been imposed in several decades. The fee is payable in lump sum or monthly.

Judge McLean's order, referring to Judge Houk's of September 2, 1966, reads:

"It be and is hereby ordered that the same is continued until this cause can finally be determined upon its merits.

"Pending final determination, this cause is retained by this Court for such further orders and may be necessary and proper."

The Gaston board has declined to give written release to those students wishing to attend Kings Mountain schools. However, Superintendent Hunter Huss, of Gaston schools, has been quoted as saying the Gaston board had no objection to these students attending Kings Mountain schools. In turn, Kings Mountain board of education required written release.

A projected election on the question during the recent school term never developed.

Post Office Once In Three Counties

A history which spans 130 years reports that Kings Mountain Post Office was once located in three counties.

Postmaster Charles Alexander, attending last weekend's convention of the North Carolina League of Postmasters, was presented a copy of the local history as he was installed for the second year as president of the state association.

Established on June 29, 1837, the post office was originally located in Lincoln County. The history continues that the post office was located in Cleveland on May 10, 1842; in Lincoln between the period 1842-1866; in Gaston between the period 1851 and 1866; was discontinued on August 31, 1868; reestablished on March 11, 1870 and located in Cleveland County sometime between 1873 and 1886.

First Postmaster was Turner M. Abernathy, June 29, 1837. Other postmasters were: Hiram A. Lovelace, 1842; Benjamin F. Briggs, 1851; William Falls, 1866; Miss L. A. Black, 1867; Thomas A. Ware, 1870; William A. Marney, 1873; James W. Brown, 1889; Rufus S. Plonk, 1893; James W. Brown, 1897; Samuel S. Weir, 1901; Edwin L. Ware, 1901; George F. Hambricht, 1910; A. H. Patterson, 1914; Samuel S. Weir, 1923; James S. Ware, 1932; William T. Weir, 1955; and Charles L. Alexander, August 24, 1956.

City Pre-Payments Increase To \$12,067

Pre-payments on city taxes totaled \$12,067 through Tuesday, Assistant Tax Collector Judy Harmon reported.

Discount of two percent is available to city and county taxpayers through September 1 when the discount rate drops to one percent.

Heavy pre-payments are anticipated during the upcoming week.

The city anticipates collection during the year of \$190,000 in ad valorem taxes.

School Fees, Hours Listed

Donald D. Jones, superintendent of schools, has listed the following school-opening facts:

The Kings Mountain City School busses will run at the regular time on Thursday and Friday with a few minutes variation to allow for the bus drivers to become acclimated to their routes.

Lunch will be served Thursday, pupil orientation day, at Compact, Bethware and Grover, but will not be served at the other Kings Mountain schools. Students at North, West and East schools will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. from the other schools at 11:45 a.m.

The dismissal times for Friday and subsequent days will be as follows:

Grades 1-3 all schools - 2:30
NOTE:
Grades 4-6-3:00
Grades 7-8-3:10
Grades 9-12-3:15

1st month of school - (the 1st grade will be dismissed at 12:00 for the 1st 6 days of school)

The price of lunches will be 25c for grades 1-8 and 30c for grades 9-12.

The Kings Mountain Board of Education has set the following fees for the 1967-68 school year:

ELEMENTARY

Library-Instructional Supplies \$1.00

JUNIOR HIGH

Library-Instructional Supplies \$1.00

HIGH SCHOOL

Library-\$1.00

Vocational-\$2.00

Typing-\$6.00

Science-\$5.00

Physical Education - Towel \$2.00

Tuition for all out-of-district students will be \$60.00 for the school year, payable monthly if the parents desire.

Band, available to students grades 7 through 12, requires the following fees: Membership \$1 per month, uniform rental 50 cents per month, and instrument rental 25 cents per month.

Accident insurance, which is optional, may be purchased for \$1.75 for the school term.

Yelton Elated Over 4.4 Rainfall

It rained, and Public Works Superintendent Grady C. Yelton said, "I slept well."

Mr. Yelton was elated over a 24-hour rainfall totaling 4.4 inches in the Kings Mountain area.

"The rain we've been getting all week will certainly help our water supply," said Yelton.

Kings Mountain National Military Park's rain log registered these rainfall statistics:

From Tuesday at 2 p.m. until Wednesday 2 p.m.-4.4 inches.

From Monday 2 p.m. until Tuesday 2 p.m.-2.4 inches.

From Sunday 2 p.m. until Monday 2 p.m.-.91 inches.

Park officials were advising "wear your hip boots if you come to see us."

Mayor To Confer With HUD Officials

Mayor John Henry Moss will be in Atlanta, Ga. Monday and Tuesday conferring with the Department of Housing & Urban Development on four Kings Mountain projects.

The mayor will talk with HUD officials on: 1) the Kings Mountain water project; 2) the Central Business District downtown improvement project; 3) the projected Neighborhood Facility; and 4) the urban renewal program.

The condition of John Hughes, badly burned in a road paving accident recently, was reported "some improved" by family members this week. A patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital, Hughes is not allowed visitors.

Birth Control and Pet Protection Discussed; City Tries Rat Control

Birth control is Ward 1 Commissioner Ray Cline's solution to the city's rat problem.

At Tuesday night's commission meeting when the discussion was posed Mr. Cline offered the suggestion that some enterprising scientist should develop a pill or a form of sterilization for Mr. Rat which would de-populate the species.

No other ideas were offered, and the commission approved purchase of 25 ratboxes for use in rat-infested areas.

Green in color, the ratbox resembles a rabbit box, though more modern and prettier. Two feet long, 12 inches wide, the box is equipped with two holes at either end and a lid on top. Mr. Rat is expected to enter either side of the trap, feed from a feeding trough filled with rat poison and

Public Works Supt. Grady Yelton, who'll be responsible for placing the boxes, promised Comm. Walker a tiny dog or kitten would be unable to open the boxes which would be fastened securely.

Mr. Walker's bird dog is a Gordon-Irish setter, weight approximately 75 pounds.

Jones Reports Faculty Corps Is Complete

School opens for the 1967-68 term in the ten-plant Kings Mountain district system Thursday morning at 8:30 with opening day enrollment of approximately 4100 anticipated.

Superintendent Donald D. Jones said the faculty is complete with announcement of three additional members. They are Edward A. Goldsmith, Cheraw, S. C., high school mathematics teacher; Barry Gibson, Kings Mountain, Central physical education teacher; and Mrs. Doris Jenkins, Charlotte, Central public school music teacher, this position representing a faculty expansion. Until this year, Mrs. Merle McClure was the system-wide public school music teacher.

Completion of principal assignments was also announced. In what Supt. Jones termed as experiment, Howard Bryant, veteran North principal, will serve as principal of both West and Park Grace schools. Eldon Cooke, of Bessemer City, initially employed as East school principal, is replacing Mr. Bryant at North, and D. B. Blalock, Jr., former high school guidance counselor, becomes principal at East school. James C. Atkinson, of Madison-Mayodan has succeeded Glenn Brookshire at the high school, and Fred Withers, industrial cooperative training supervisor at the high school, has succeeded R. G. Franklin at Central. Continuing former principals are James C. Scruggs, Grover, Evan J. Evans, Bethware, L. V. Adams, Compact, and Connie Allison, Davidson.

Major pupil assignment change is assignment of all seventh and eighth grade pupils to Central school, which meant transfer of an estimated 58 pupils from Compact. All seventh and eighth grade pupils in the district will be attending Central school.

Traffic Problem Study Authorized

The city commission Tuesday night authorized the mayor to appoint a traffic safety committee and named Mayor John H. Moss chairman.

Mayor Moss said duty of the mayoral committee will be to study the "very serious traffic problem" in Kings Mountain and report back to the commission its recommendations.

Railroad crossings, dangerous intersections, U.S. 74-through-city traffic, the areas leading to the new high school, the hospital and all schools, hilly areas and streets without center lines are to be studied in detail, said the mayor, and professional help will be consulted if needed.

In other action, the board took the recommendation of the city zoning commission and re-zoned from residential to residential office the property of Roy J. Long at 217 Waco road. Public hearing on request by Mr. Long for rezoning for modern neighborhood grocery stores will be advertised as required by law, the commission voted.

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