

Population

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 14,950 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,134 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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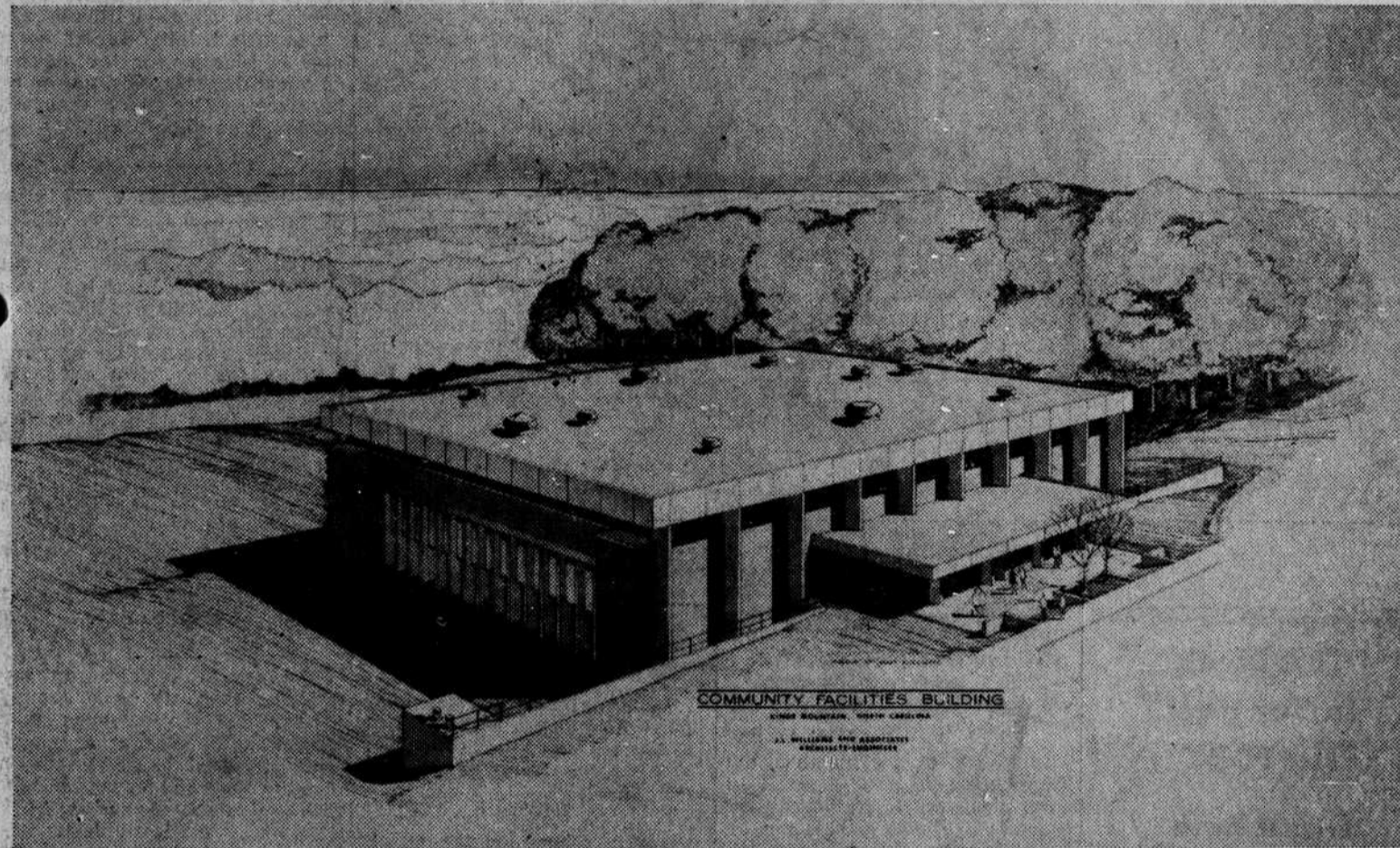
Established 1889

Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, 31, 1967

Seventy-Eighth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Regional HUD Officials Favorable To City Requests



Architects Drawing — \$452,000 Kings Mountain Community Center

\$302,680 Grant Is Reserved For City Community Center

Grant Is Approximately Two-Thirds Cost Of Center; Action Taken To Implement

By MARTIN HARMON
Mayor John Henry Moss was notified Monday by Bob Hummel, of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington and by U. S. Representative Basil L. Whitener that Secretary Robert C. Weaver has approved a \$302,680 grant reservation under the Neighborhood Facilities program to assist the city in financing a proposed \$452,000 community center.

With approval of the grant reservation, the city has been authorized to prepare final plans for the building, in order to qualify for a grant contract. The HUD grant will cover about two-thirds of the estimated total development costs.

Mayor Moss, Richard E. Maxey, chairman of the city recreation committee, the J. L. Williams & Associates, architects for the project, moved immediately to implement the grant reservation.

Mayor Moss authorized the architects to proceed with a soil test to determine footing requirements for the 32,000 square foot building, and Chairman Maxey called a luncheon meeting of his committee for Tuesday at 12:30 at the Country Club.

The building will be located in the Deal street park area and will face Cleveland avenue.

Bill Golladay, of the architectural firm, said a principal feature will be an all-purpose gymnasium with seating capacity up to 2008. It will have three basketball courts, two for practice

and one for exhibition. There will be dressing rooms, supply rooms, and a handball court. A ticket office will be at the front entrance.

The two-story building will also contain 14 rooms as facilities for an assembly room, day care quarters, dining rooms, offices, and a kitchen. The facility will provide such services as basic adult literacy classes; citizenship classes, project Head Start, day care, employment, and counseling services; housing assistance and assistance to the aged; social, recreation, and health services; and Community Action Program services.

Secretary Weaver said: "The application has qualified for priority consideration because it will substantially further the objectives of the local Community Action Program, approved under Title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The Neighborhood Facilities Grant Program is authorized by the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 under Section 703. The program provides grants to local public bodies or agencies to help finance the development of multipurpose neighborhood centers that offer programs of community service. Nonprofit groups may contract with public body applicants to own or operate facilities. Grants may not exceed two-thirds of the development cost, or three-fourths in officially designed redevelopment areas."

Fifth Day School Attendance 4073 23 Below '66; High School Up 12

Fifth day enrollment in the 10-plant Kings Mountain district school system totaled 4073, a slight drop of 23 students from last year's fifth day total of 4096.

The slight drop compared to one of 173 a year ago, when the major loss figure was at Kings Mountain high school and reflected a large number of dropouts between junior and senior years.

High school enrollment Wednesday was 1143, up 12 over fifth day enrollment last year.

Superintendent Donald D. Jones said Wednesday operations were going well. Grade population balances were good, he added, to the point that he was able to recommend to the board of education at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon at 40 unassigned enrollees be assigned to the schools of their first choice.

High School Principal James C. Atkinson described operations there as "very smooth". He commented, "This faculty has really been digging in and they have the students working like Trojans."

Second most populous school population is at Central junior high school, with 752 students, including special education pupils.

All other schools are elementary and primary, Grades 1 through 6.

In this eight-plant group, North edged East as most populous, 357 to 352.

West was third at 334, Bethware fourth at 314.

Grover enrollment was 294. Compact 235, Park-Grace 188, and Davidson 104.

Renovation and rebuilding work continues at the Central plant.



GRADUATES—Jacob T. (Chip) McGinnis, III, graduated August 29 from Gaston Technical Institute with A. S. in electronics engineering technology and on September 9 will join Western Electric in St. Louis, Mo., as an engineering associate. Mrs. McGinnis is the former Pat Strickland. McGinnis is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr. of Kings Mountain.

Nursing Home Charter Sought

The committee to promote construction of a nursing and convalescent center here has formally applied for a corporation charter. Chairman Joe Smith said yesterday.

Subscription goal of Kings Mountain Nursing and Convalescent Home, Inc. is \$100,000 and aim is to have the goal by September 30.

Chairman Smith said the committee envisions building the center on a 5.9 acre tract near Kings Mountain hospital purchased from M. Elmer McGill by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kerns and intended by them as site of the center.

Mr. Smith said inquiries had come as far distant as Colorado concerning the project. Stock purchases to date total over \$20,000.

Full information concerning the project can be obtained from Chairman Smith or any other member of the committee, which includes Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kerns, James Gibson, Dr. John C. McGill, Grady Howard O. O. Walker, W. S. Biddix and Ray W. Cline.

"It is quite obvious, of course," said Chairman Smith, "that Kings Mountain needs, and badly, this facility."

Mall Appraisals Received; Corporation To Be Formed

Mall Planned With 400-Car Parking Area

By MARTIN HARMON
Appraisal figures for purchase of property needed for development of the Cherokee street mall have been received and Paul McGinnis, owner of McGinnis Department Store, has been elected chairman of a committee to form a corporation for 1) determining degree of participation and 2) purchasing needed property.

Announcement was made by Richard E. Maxey following a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce committee promoting the project.

The project envisions a 400-car parking area on Cherokee street, between Mountain and Gold. Intent of the committee is to purchase the "back alley" property bounded by the Kings Mountain Office Equipment & Supply building and the Professional building and to raze all structures within these bounds. On the east side of Cherokee, the plan calls for purchase of the property of Fulton's Department Store and Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association behind these firms to the Lipford line. Mr. Maxey said Winn-Dixie, Inc., with its own extensive parking area, has expressed a desire to be included in the mall project.

The project is a private one and the appraisals, by registered-licensed appraisers, total \$139,000. Plan calls for share basis of abutting firms on front footage basis, both for property purchase and improvements.

In turn, the property owners would be expected to convert their present rear doors into store fronts.

Mr. Maxey said property owners not on the Chamber of Commerce committee—which defrayed cost of the appraisals—would be invited to join for incorporation.

He reported much enthusiasm for the mall project, as did Mr. McGinnis.

Mr. McGinnis said he expected to call the Chamber of Commerce committee together early next week for an incorporation conference with Robert Powell, legal counsel.

Mr. Maxey noted that the work done privately would dovetail with the city's central business district project for which federal grant has been applied.

School Fee Costs Brown Just \$240

"Is the board of education going to stick with that \$60 fee?"

The questioner was referring to the recent decision of the Kings Mountain district board of education to impose a fee of \$60 per pupil for out-of-district students.

It was the first time in several decades a fee has been imposed and applies to the East Kings Mountain group of students, their parents citizens of the City of Kings Mountain but of the Gaston County school district.

This group is permitted to again attend Kings Mountain schools, for the second year by court order.

Their local school taxes accrue to Gaston county, rather than Cleveland, which distributes school taxes on a per capita basis.

The questioner was Dion Brown, Burger Barn executive, who plaintively added, "I have four. That's \$240."

Superintendent Donald D. Jones said Wednesday he did not know the number of East Kings Mountain out-of-district students had enrolled, but a Herald check of several parents indicated majority, if not all, have enrolled in Kings Mountain schools.

LUTHERAN TOPIC

Rev. Charles Easley's sermon topic at the Sunday morning worship hour at St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be "The Wherewithal of Life."



Miss Sherri Bell

Sherri Bell 1967 Bethware Fair Queen

Sherri Bell, high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bell of the Oak Grove community, will reign over festivities of the annual Bethware Community Fair which opens for a four-day run September 13th.

The 20th annual fair will feature prizes in various categories including agriculture, horticulture and field crops. Handicraft and household arts awards will be given for home grown products from the pantry, flowers, and hobbies, including painting, collections, crafts, doll furniture, best handmade jewelry and other classes for all ages.

Miss Bell plays tympania, kettle drums, bells and chimes in the Kings Mountain high school band. A member of the Kings Mountain Assembly, Order of Rainbows, she is active in young people's work of Oak Grove Baptist church. Her hobbies are knitting and sewing and she likes music.

Children's Day at the Bethware Fair will be on Thursday, September 14th, with special events slated. Special attractions during the event will include midway rides and concessions, shows and fireworks. The fair will be staged on the grounds of Bethware school.

Kidnapping By Man At Gunpoint Alleged by Hendersonville Woman

Mrs. Judy Osteen, 22, of Hendersonville, was questioned at Kings Mountain police headquarters Monday after she was allegedly kidnapped in Brevard Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Osteen claimed that she was kidnapped by a man at about 3 p.m. Monday after she had left a Brevard bank. She said the man was a Negro, approximately 50 years old, 6 ft., 1. He reportedly was carrying a Bible, a stick and a revolver.

According to Mrs. Osteen, she had just driven away from the Brevard bank when the man attempted to cross the street in front of her car. She stopped to let the man pass. He brandished a gun and told her to drive him away.

Mrs. Osteen said she did not know where the man wanted her

Applications For Projects Total \$2,945,658

By MARTIN HARMON
Mayor John Henry Moss has returned from a Tuesday conference with regional officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development "impressed and pleased with the favorable attitude of regional officials" on City of Kings Mountain pending applications for federal grants on three projects.

These applications total \$2,945,658.

The Mayor also said the officials declared the Kings Mountain workable program for community development "in good order and expected to be recertified in the near future."

The workable program for community development is approved for a 12-month period only, subject to renewal based on the extent the particular city or town has contributed its fair share of work and planning.

With approval of the workable program, grants are possible. Without approval, there are no grants.

Coincidentally, Mayor Moss, who departed for Atlanta Monday afternoon, was first informed of grant reservation approval of the community center project by the regional officials. He found the telegraphic notifications on his return here.

Breakdown on the grant applications are:

1) Urban renewal project \$1,711,658 (gross estimate of project \$2,150,277.)

2) Central business district renewal project \$884,202 (gross estimate of project cost \$1,047,736.)

3) Water system expansion project \$350,000 (gross estimate of project cost \$3,100,000, developable in stages.)

Mayor Moss noted that the city now has committed \$1,005,150 from federal and state agencies for public improvements including:

1) \$314,000 for widening and improving Candler street, from city limits south to Gld, from the State Highway & Public Works commission.

2) \$388,500 for the sewage system expansion and improvement project, federal water resources agency.

3) \$302,650 for community center, federal Department of Housing & Urban Development.

The Mayor was accompanied by Atlanta by Ledford Austin, of Barbour & Cooper Associates, planning engineers.

Boyles Open Fabric Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Boyles announced this week opening of a new business firm, Big-Little Fabric Shop in the Oak Grove community.

The firm will be under management of Mrs. Boyles' mother, Mrs. Frank Ware.

Mr. Boyles said the firm will specialize in cloth of all kind, including drapery fabrics, short lengths, dress materials, throw rugs, and towels.

The firm will be open daily except Tuesdays and is located on Oak Grove Road 2026.

Formal opening of the firm will be on Monday.



MINISTER—Rev. Archie Chapman of Blacksburg, S. C. has assumed new pastorate duties at Westover Baptist church.

Chapman Takes Westover Duties

Rev. Archie Chapman, pastor of Mount Paran Baptist church of Blacksburg, S. C. the past four years, has assumed new pastorate duties at Westover Baptist church.

Rev. and Mrs. Chapman and their eight-year-old daughter, Dwanda Lee, have occupied the Westover parsonage at 1370 Westover Drive.

Mr. Chapman was educated at Gardner-Webb college and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Before moving to South Carolina, he was youth and educational director at Fairfield Baptist church of Baton Rouge, La. and pastor of Clarence Baptist church of Clarence, La.

Mrs. Chapman is the former Eunice Highsmith.

At Westover Baptist church the Rev. Mr. Chapman succeeds the Rev. Floyd Willis.

City Pre-Payments Reach \$33,777.52

Pre-payments on 1967 city taxes totaled \$33,777.52 through Wednesday at noon. Assistant City 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.

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