

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 14,900 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,24 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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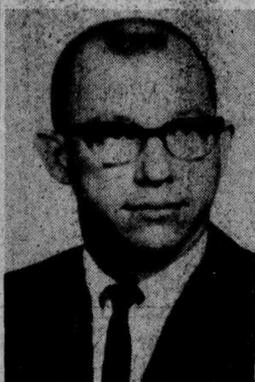
Seventy-Eighth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

It's Official: Water Bond Election Set For December 5

McGinnis Reports Progress For Mall

Robert Powell, attorney for Kings Mountain Mall, Inc., reported Wednesday all but two desired options for the south side mall on Cherokee street have been obtained.



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Dr. Sam L. Robinson, Kings Mountain surgeon, was admitted to fellowship in the American College of Surgeons at the annual convocation held in Chicago, Ill., Thursday.

Paul McGinnis, Mall president, said the Mall board of directors and Mr. Saunders conferred Monday afternoon on possibility of acquiring the property...

Mrs. McCarter's Mother Passes

Mrs. Estelle Logan Goforth, 74, of Rutherfordton, mother of Mrs. W. Eugene McCarter of Kings Mountain, died Wednesday morning in Rutherfordton following illness of two years.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. from Mount Vernon Baptist church near Forest City.



SPEAKER - North Carolina State Senator Marshall Branch of Gastonia will be guest speaker at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Dr. Robinson is a diplomat of both the American Board of General Surgery and the Board of Thoracic Surgery, is a member of the Cleveland County Medical Society, the North Carolina Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association and the Pan American Medical Association.

Dr. Robinson was graduated from the University of Tennessee and completed post-graduate and residency training at the University of Mississippi in Jackson, Mississippi.

The Robinsons came to Kings Mountain two and a half years ago. Dr. Robinson and Dr. George Plonk are associated in the practice of surgery at Surgical Clinic on West King street.

Dr. Robinson is a Kiwanian.

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Sisk And City Will Confer October 24

The city has honored a request of Frank Sisk, Kings Mountain-Bessemer City funeral director, to discuss results of a civil litigation tried in Cleveland Superior Court last week, in which Mr. Zeb Grigg was awarded \$10,000 judgment against Mr. Sisk.

Mayor John Henry Moss said Mr. Sisk would be invited to attend the board's special session of October 24.

Meantime, Mr. Sisk said he would appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

The suit arose over the question of depth of the grave of Mrs. Grigg's husband. After the burial, it was charged, the vault housing the casket protruded above ground. Mrs. Grigg sought \$175,000 damages.

Mr. Sisk told the Herald he felt the City of Kings Mountain is liable for all or part of the damages, if any liability exists.

The city owns Mountain Rest cemetery, where Mr. Grigg was interred, sells lots, and digs graves.

Mr. Sisk's attorneys, Horn, West and Horn, sought to establish the fact that there is no law specifying depths of graves and several funeral directors testified that a grave is sufficiently deep if the vault is covered.

Grover Wins PO Citation

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Grover, North Carolina and its postal employees have been selected to receive the Postmaster General's "Citation of Merit" for outstanding cooperation in the nation's Natural Beauty Program.

Whitener said he was advised by Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien that the citation is awarded only to those communities whose postal facilities have received superior ratings in rigid inspections by regional postal officials.

The evaluation takes into consideration such factors as unusually attractive grounds and a concerted effort to make the surroundings of the postoffice as visually interesting as possible.

"Mr. O'Brien has advised me," he cited for maintaining its postal facility in such a superior manner that it provides a clean, neat and pleasant place in which the public may conduct its postal business.

Whitener commended Postmaster Fain Hambright, his postal employees, and the citizens of Grover on receiving the citation of merit.

Members of the board of directors of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday morning at 10:30 in the association offices, W. S. Fulton, Jr., president, has announced.

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INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITS TO FEATURE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - A new feature of Wednesday's 64th annual Women's club-sponsored community festival and floral fair will be an international exhibit, open to any interested citizen who has an object of foreign flavor.

64th Community Festival's Planned

Kings Mountain Women's club will present the annual community festival, "Autumn Harvest", Wednesday, and club members were hard at work this week readying for the event.

The 64th floral fair and bazaar will be open to the public from 11:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, and format of the one-day event will follow that of former days.

Members of the club will serve the noon meal from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and the evening meal from 5:30 until 7 p.m. Plates are \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children age 10 and under.

Theme of the show is "Keep Our Flag Flying for Peace" and the patriotic theme will be carried out in exhibits open to the interested public.

Entries in the Women's club community festival, floral fair, are invited from the public. Exhibits should be brought to the Women's club Tuesday from 1 until 9 p.m. and on the day of the show, Wednesday, from 8 until 10 a.m.

In addition to floral arrangements, which are open to the public, a group of patriotic displays will be shown by members of local garden clubs.

Division 11 of the fair, also open to the interested citizen, will include a section of annuals and perennials, scrubs, potted plants, vegetables and fruits. Division 111 will include drawings and paintings, sculpture, carvings, ceramics, home crafts such as weaving, antiquing, basketry, jewelry, and lampshades.

A new feature of the fair this year will be an international display, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, co-

Hinnant Says 1000-Job Goal Hinges On Buffalo Project

City Industry Committee Supports Bonds

By MARTIN HARMON

The city's industrial committee has set a goal of 1000 new Kings Mountain area jobs within five years, Co-Chairman L. E. (Josh) Hinnant told the city commission Tuesday night, but added attainment of the goal hinges on the fruition of the Buffalo Creek water project.

"The industrial committee fully supports the Buffalo Creek project," Mr. Hinnant continued, "and commends you and the commission for your vision and work."

Others in the audience, along with the city commissioners, were asked to comment. These comments follow: Summarizing the project Mayor John Henry Moss said bond experts, the city's engineers, and accountants had collaborated on the project's economic feasibility study.

He said, "The bonds can be amortized by receipts from water and sewer operations. In other words, the 85-cent tax rate can be maintained. A five-year plan is being formulated for capital improvements and operations designed to maintain the present favorable tax rate."

The bonds will be general obligation bonds which pledge "the full faith and credit" of the city. However, the economic feasibility study, as approved by the Local Government Commission, projects full amortization of the bonds, together with interest payments, over a period of 30 years from water sales and sewage service fees.

Those present at Tuesday's meeting were invited to comment on the water program. Comments included: Jonas Bridges, Radio Station WKMT: "The commission is to be commended."

Martin Harmon, Kings Mountain Herald: "Rationing of water would have been fact several months ago were it not for the auxiliary sources. Rationing implies not only individual rationing."

Stewart Flays Critics of War

"We simply must not let the spirit of sacrifice pass away, either in religion or patriotism, for only when it is painful does the contributor realize his contribution."

This was the challenge issued Sunday by State Representative Carl J. Stewart, of Gastonia, as he made the principal address at Sunday's 187th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain at the amphitheatre of Kings Mountain National Military Park.

Rep. Stewart excoriated critics of the United States military effort in Viet Nam, declaring, "Critics of the war in Viet Nam never were the uniform."

"Patriotism is reserved, it seems, for veterans of prior wars," he continued. "It is reprehensible."

He compared the Revolutionary to the Viet Nam war, noting that 500,000 United States troops are in Viet Nam today, while General Washington never had more than 280,000 men available and never more than 25,000 on active duty at any time.

He labeled Viet Nam our first "comfortable" war, resulting from the fact it is the first one "we have been able to afford."

In his report on the military park, Superintendent Ben Moore said 316,070 persons have visited the park in 1967, compared to 351,000 for all of 1966. In October, the park logged visitors from 21 states, England, Germany, and Ontario, Canada.



HOMEcoming QUEEN - Beverly Hamrick, Kings Mountain high school senior from Grover, will be crowned 1967 Homecoming Queen Friday night.

Beverly Hamrick Football Queen

Beverly Hamrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hamrick of Grover, will be crowned Homecoming Queen at half-time Friday of the Kings Mountain Mountaineers - Concord Spiders football game at Gamble Memorial Football Stadium.

The homecoming game begins at 8 o'clock.

Miss Hamrick and members of her court were sponsored by various high school organizations in recent student elections.

Members of the Homecoming Court, all seniors, will include Wanda Bridges, Kay Dixon, Kathy Dover, Mary Lou Harper, Taffy Harry, Arlene Johnson, Kathy Plonk, Sheila Putnam, and Nancy Ware.

Miss Hamrick will wear a long formal. Her attendants will be dressed in semi-formal or dressy-dress attire. The new queen will be crowned by KMHS Principal James Atkinson.

Chief cheerleader at Kings Mountain high school, Miss Hamrick was May Day attendant her Junior year, served as Junior-Senior waitress, as treasurer of the Junior class, was a member of the K club two years and the FHA three years.

TO BE DISCHARGED Mearle Scism, city schools maintenance superintendent, suffered a vascular spasm while working at Kings Mountain high school last Friday, is to be discharged from Kings Mountain hospital Thursday.

City Assured Vote - Call Approval By Commission In Mid-September

While final go-ahead on Kings Mountain's Buffalo Creek water project was only recently received, assurance that the Local Government Commission would authorize the \$3,000,000 bond issue election came in mid-September.

Previously the city had filed complete plans, specifications and an economic feasibility study with the commission.

This assurance was contained in a letter to W. E. Best, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Atlanta, Ga., by W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government Commission, of which information copy was sent Mayor John Henry Moss.

Mr. Easterling, confirming a prior telephone conversation with Mr. Best that the lowest engineering estimates by the engineers was \$3,338,000, without allowance for a possible federal grant of \$450,000.

"I have deducted such grant from the estimate, leaving a net of \$2,888,000

Registration Books To Open On November 11

By MARTIN HARMON

The city board of commissioners passed resolutions Tuesday night to set in motion the \$3,000,000 bond issue election to implement the Buffalo Creek water project. Election day will be December 5.

The several resolutions were moved by various members of the commission. Each received four seconds, all the other members participating.

The \$3 million will provide funds for construction of a dam and impounding basin, raw water pumping facilities, a water treatment of four million gallons daily capacity, and a 24-inch pipeline from the plant to connect with the present city water distribution system.

The reservoir would inundate more than 1800 acres of land and would create a lake slightly larger than Lake Lure with a 50-mile shoreline.

Site of the 84-foot dam is projected about 500 feet north of SR 2033 (Oak Grove Road to US 74A) and about two miles north of the Buffalo Creek bridge on US 74.

Registration books for the upcoming election will open on (Continued on Page 8)

Big Legacy Not Likely

Jack White, representing the interests of Mrs. Plato Moore, 207 City street, in the efforts of some 3000 persons who think they are heirs to a Texas pioneer, doubts his client will inherit the large sums of money which she inherited by street talk last weekend.

Attorney White first became acquainted with the possibility some six years ago and says litigation was first begun in 1950.

Mr. White said the litigation involved some 4300 acres of oil properties in the Beaumont, Texas, area.

David Baity, Gastonia Gazette city editor, conversed with the district court clerk in Beaumont and was told the suit - Floyd W. Humphries and Mattie McDaniel Welch vs. State of Texas - had been dismissed several weeks ago on motion of the plaintiffs, who, at the same time, indicated they would file another action.

"Even if the litigation were favorable," Attorney White commented, "the problem of establishing who was an heir and who was not would be quite a difficult one." (Continued on Page 8)