

United Fund One-Day Drive Scheduled Tuesday; Goal \$21,000

Kings Mountain's United Fund drive for '68 will be a one-day campaign to be conducted all-day Tuesday.

A 7:30 a.m. breakfast at First Presbyterian church will kick-off the drive, according to joint announcement by UF President W. Donald Crawford and Fund Chairman Robert (Bob) Southwell. The breakfast will be co-sponsored

by the city's two building and loan associations, Home Savings and Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Associations.

Reports of progress of the appeal will be reported via Radio Station WKMT throughout the day, said the drive leaders.

A goal of \$21,000 for seven agencies is aim of the appeal. One gift will support work of

these agencies: Boy Scouts of the Piedmont Council, \$5,725. In Cleveland County, one of every three boys of Boy Scout age is registered as a Scout. Kings Mountain has over 500 registered. Part of these funds are used to provide summer camps for troops.

American Red Cross, \$4,500. During the last year Red Cross in

Cleveland County provided service for 986 military families. Blood collection work was active with 3,100 pints being collected in the county. There is no charge for the blood, but only for giving it to the patient. At \$25 per pint, this was a \$78,500 savings for Cleveland County.

Kings Mountain high school band, \$2,500. The funds budgeted

are to be used for new music instruments and supplies, as well as cleaning and repairing the uniforms.

The KMHS 130-member band and the 60-member Junior high school band will be served by these funds.

Girl Scouts - Pioneer Council - \$2,475. Funds are to be used to purchase materials, provide

camps and camp supplies. Kings Mountain high school Chorus - \$300. With their funds last year, this group was able to purchase new music, send a group to Mars Hill Music Clinic, send a group to the Greensboro Choral Workshop and participate in the district choral contests in Charlotte.

Cleveland County Life Saving & Rescue Squad, \$3,500. The funds are to be used for vehicle operation and upkeep for a dedicated group of volunteers who operate a 24-hour emergency call service.

Carolinians United Community Services, \$1,800. This organization provides field representatives for United Funds in the Carolinas and contributes to such agencies as the Children's Home

Society, Florence Crittenton Home, N. C. Mental Health Association and United Medical Research.

Administrative cost of United Fund, \$200. This money is used for supplies to help promote the United Fund, including bulletin board posters, counter display posters, as well as pledge cards and work sheets for accurate records.

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 of January 1965, and includes the 14,350 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 7,564 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.



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Phillip W. Broom Killed In Crash



Landing Crash At Bien Hoa Fatal To Major

Military funeral rites for Major Phillip Ward Broom, 36, will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from Monroe's First Methodist church.

Major Broom's pastor will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in the church cemetery.

Husband of the former Phyllis Dean of Kings Mountain, the Air Force fighter pilot was pilot of a plane that crashed Friday 1,000 feet short of the runway of the American base at Bien Hoa, Vietnam. He was returning from a tactical mission, the U.S. Department of Defense informed Mrs. Broom Friday.

Since August 18th when Major Broom reported for duty in Vietnam, Mrs. Broom and two sons, Phillip Ward Brown, Jr., age four, and Thomas Franklin Broom, age two, have resided at 2209 Williamsburg Drive, Gastonia. Before reporting to duty in Vietnam, Major Broom saw duty in New Mexico and Louisiana.

A native of Monroe, Major Broom had served with the USAF 4 years. He was nominated for the NASA program to become an astronaut in 1965. He missed becoming an astronaut at that time when he failed to survive the final testing phase before entering the program.

Major Broom was graduated from Duke University with a mechanical engineering degree and from Washington University in Seattle, Washington with a master's degree in aeronautical engineering. He was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Son of Ward Broom of Monroe and the late Mrs. Broom, Major Broom and Miss Phyllis Dean were married June 10, 1962. His mother died in August, a week before Major Broom left for overseas duty.

Besides his wife, children and father, Major Broom is survived by his sister, Mrs. Robert Lee, of Monroe, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Amos F. Dean, of Kings Mountain.

McEwen Funeral Home of Monroe is in charge of funeral arrangements. The body of Major Broom arrived yesterday morning from Vietnam and will remain at the funeral home until the hour of service.

Prior to their marriage, Mrs. Broom was employed as an American Airlines stewardess. She was voted "Miss Congeniality" in the Miss North Carolina Beauty Contest.

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Mall Dinner Monday Night

Kings Mountain Mall, Inc. officials will present a picture preview of the proposed downtown Cherokee Street Mall to property owners and merchants at a dinner meeting of the group Monday night at 7 p.m. at Kings Mountain Country club.

A representative of Reynolds Aluminum Company will present pictures of how the centrally located proposed mall area looks and how it could look via modernization.

Corporation President Paul McGinnis said invitations to the dinner are being mailed to property owners in the area, store managers and owners.

Proposed plans call for razing several structures along Cherokee street, between Mountain and Gold streets, and developing the area into a 400-space parking lot. Rear entrances to stores would be modernized and improved to enhance the attractiveness of the area.

Seven parcels of privately owned land lie within the mall area. The corporation has obtained options to purchase five of the parcels. Owners of the two remaining parcels have not yet signed options.

The two remaining options, for which negotiations are continuing, are from David R. Hamrick for the 50 by 60 foot lot occupied by Saunders Cleanders and Stowe's Radio-TV, and from Mrs. E. C. Cooper for the building housing Studie's Beauty Shop.

Lithium Strikers Return To Work Minus Contract; More Talks Today

Representatives of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union and Lithium Corporation will meet again Thursday in an effort to reach agreement on a contract.

The strike by the union, which began October 26, ended at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning, as first-shift employees returned to work. Manager J. Dean Herman reported operations returned to normal.

The workers returned without the one-year contract and 49 cents per hour increase they had demanded.

The company still stands, Mr. Herman said, with its initial offer

of a graduated per hour increase of 33 cents over a three-year period in return for a three-year contract.

Actually, Mr. Herman reported, the company posted a 11 cents hourly increase on October 28, two days after the strike began.

Before the strike, he added, the company had offered the 11 cents, retroactive to October 1 in return for suspension of the strike call.

The union's negotiating team includes, John Lee, international representative, and a local union committee including Bill Davis, Austin Harris, Cass Walker, and Joel Mauney. The company's negotiator is Stuart Rothman.

Clark H. Broward Rites Conducted Here On Monday

Funeral rites for Clark H. Broward, 85, retired electrical engineer, were conducted Monday afternoon at 4:30 at Harris Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Broward, father of Mrs. George H. Mauney of Kings Mountain, had been in ill health several months. He died at 5 p.m. Sunday at Greenbrier Rest Home, Gastonia.

A native of Florida, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Preston Broward and had resided in Atlanta, Ga., and Charlotte, prior to coming to Kings Mountain. His wife, Mrs. Reece Rich Broward, died in 1964.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Mauney, are another daughter, Mrs. Luke Green, of Atlanta; a brother, Charles Broward, of Miami, Fla., and seven grandchildren.

The final rites were conducted by Dr. Paul K. Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Pallbearers were Hall Goforth, Bob F. Maner, Ben T. Goforth, Charles D. Blanton, Harry Page, and Dan Finger.

Two Clubs Favor Project

Two Kings Mountain civic organizations this week endorsed the Kings Mountain Buffalo Creek Water Project.

Kings Mountain Merchants Association Board of Directors Tuesday morning unanimously endorsed the project which calls for a \$3 million water bonds referendum on December 5th.

Members of the Kings Mountain Junior Woman's club on Monday night also unanimously endorsed the project.

Fire Department To Hold Barbecue

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a barbecue until 8 p.m. at the fire department supper Saturday from 5 to 7 in the Bethlehem community.

Tickets are available from any member of the organization at \$1.50 each.

Proceeds from the benefit are used to purchase fire-fighting equipment.

Coman Falls, 58, Claimed By Death

Rites Conducted For Ex-Athlete, Businessman

Funeral rites for Coman Franklin Falls, Sr., 58, were held Saturday at 11 a.m. from First Presbyterian church of which he was a member.

Dr. Paul K. Ausley officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Active pallbearers were John C. Smathers, Fred Wright, Charles Ballard, Luther Joy, Harry Page, and C. T. Dixon.

Owner and operator of Friendly Billiards, Mr. Falls was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Price Falls. He died suddenly Thursday morning at 11:30 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital following a day's illness.

Mr. Falls, who lettered in all sports as a student at Kings Mountain high school, played professional baseball in New York State in the early 30's.

He was married twice. His first wife, Lucille Cansler Falls, died four years ago. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Hart Falls, survives, in addition to a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Davis of Kings Mountain; a son, Coman Falls, Jr. of Banner Elk; two step-daughters, Mrs. Johnny Stroup of Cherryville and Mrs. Ronnie Sellers of Winston-Salem; six brothers, Cyrus Falls (Continued On Page Six)

Water Bonds Project Endorsed

Kings Mountain Jaycee board of directors Tuesday night endorsed the December 5 water bonds referendum and passed a resolution to "assist in passing the referendum in any way the city deems necessary."

Other civic clubs and organizations endorsing the referendum in action by club directors and members this week were the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and the Kings Mountain Junior Woman's club.

Outside-City Industry To Pay Extra

By MARTIN HARMON

The city board of commissioners adopted a resolution of intent Tuesday night to impose a 30 percent surcharge on water charges for a million gallons or less as the means for amortizing \$4,000,000 in water and sewer bonds.

The resolution also provides for imposition of a 25 percent differential on basic rates on industrial customers outside city limits. These industries now pay no differential. Outside city residential customers now pay a 50 percent differential, which is unchanged.

The resolution means that the minimal user of up to 3,000 gallons per month, now paying \$1.25 for water service, will pay \$2.38

BOOKS TO OPEN
Registration books will open Saturday for the December 5 bond issue election at the five city polling places: Ward 1, City Hall courtroom; Ward 2, American Legion; Ward 3, East school; Ward 4, First Wesleyan Church Fellowship Hall; Ward 5, Armory. Books will be open from 9 a.m. until sunset. Saturday is the first of three registration Saturdays.

This represents approximately one-third the city's 3269 customers.

Commissioner O. O. Walker moved adoption of the resolution, Commissioner T. J. Ellison seconded, and the vote was unanimous, all commissioners present and voting.

Comparatively larger percentage increases will be paid by the five industrial consumers regularly using over a million gallons monthly. These (their most recent monthly meter reading shown in parentheses) are: Tractspun Yarns, Inc. (13,959,000); Massmo, Inc. (5,617,000); K Mills, Inc. (4,648,000); Mauney Mills, Inc. (2,919,000); and Duplex International (1,541,000).

The larger increase for these large users comes from setting the base rate at 25 cents per 1000 gallons for all over one million gallons. Current rate for gallonage between one and two million is 2125 per 1000 gallons. Current rate for all over two million is 1875 per 1000 gallons.

Massmo, Inc., is also affected by the outside city differential of 25 percent on base rates. Others are Superior Stone Company, Rote Mineral Company, Barwin, Inc., Bennett Brick & Tile Company, Labeth Rope Company and T. E. Herndon Company.

(For samplings monthly costs under of present and future rates see two-column box on today's front page.)

Intent of the commission, pre-empting approval by the voters of the \$3,000,000 water bond issue December 5, is to make the proposed rate schedule effective July 1, 1968.

The voters have approved bond issue authority for expansion and renovation of the sewage system (Continued On Page Six)

Funeral Thursday For J. H. Arthur

Retired Mining Superintendent Died On Tuesday

Funeral rites for James Henrie Arthur, retired superintendent of Superior Stone Company's Kings Mountain Operation, will be held Thursday morning at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor of Central Methodist church of which Mr. Arthur was a member, will officiate at the final rites, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Howard Jordan, of Gastonia.

Interment will be in Greensboro's Groometown cemetery at 3:30 p.m.

Nephews of Mr. Arthur will serve as active pallbearers. Superior Stone Company employees will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Arthur died Tuesday night at 10 in the Kings Mountain hospital after a lingering and serious illness of several months. A native of Buncombe County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George S. Arthur. He was a World War 1 veteran and had been associated with Superior Stone Company for many years.

He and his wife, the former Elizabeth Groome, made their home at 210 Edgemont Drive.

Other survivors include four daughters, Mrs. George B. Thomason of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Winston D. Miller of Burlington, Mrs. Robert E. Kinneman, Jr. of Cherry Point, and Mrs. Ollie Harris, Jr. of Pasadena, Texas. Also surviving are three brothers, E. S. Arthur and John K. Arthur, both of Greensboro, and Frank F. Arthur of Hickory; two sisters, Mrs. R. G. Groome of Greensboro; and Miss Edith Arthur of Greensboro; and six grandchildren.

Election to membership is limited to men doing superior work. Gold was recently honored as one of five outstanding physical education majors at Florida State.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Gold, of Grover, he is married to the former Vivian Wilson of Kings Mountain. They and their small son, Richie, reside in Tallahassee, Fla. at 327-3 Pennell Circle.

Funeral rites for Martin Phifer, 83, retired Kings Mountain farmer, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. E. R. Lynn, pastor of El Bethel Methodist church, will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Phifer died Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Green Briar Rest Home in Gastonia following several months illness. A native of Cleveland County, he was son of the late Butler and Amanda Dixon. He was a member of El Bethel Methodist church.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Minnie Phifer and Miss Maggie Phifer, both of Kings Mountain; and five brothers, Arthur Phifer, Lloyd Phifer, Rufus Phifer, Jake Phifer, all of Kings Mountain, and Dempsey Phifer of Tehoma City, California.

Active pallbearers were Wendell Phifer, Menzell Phifer, Marriott Phifer, Bill Phifer, John Phifer and Cameron Ware.

JONES TO SPEAK
Schools Supt. Donald Jones will speak on "Future of Kings Mountain School System" for the program at Tuesday night's East school P-T-A meeting at East school auditorium. The annual membership drive is underway and the P-T-A invites parents and teachers to attend.

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Here Is Sampling Of Intended Water Costs To Amortize \$4,000,000 Water - Sewer Bonds

Gallons	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
Up to 3,000	1.25	2.38
5,000	2.25	4.28
10,000	4.75	9.03
25,000	12.25	23.28
50,000	24.13	45.85
100,000	43.82	83.26
1,000,000	284.07	539.73
10,000,000	1,996.57	4,814.73



OFFICIALS VIEW LOW LEVEL YORK ROAD RESERVOIR - Mayor John Henry Moss, left, points to the water level of the York Road reservoir as he asks Public Works Superintendent Grady Yelton, "How low?" Supt. Yelton's reply was, "15 feet below overflow." Before the long period of less-than-normal rains and increased city consumption, the reservoir customarily over-flowed. (Photo by Steve Martin.)