

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 1960, and includes the 14,950 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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United Fund Over Top In One Day

Industry - Hendrick Meeting Unconfirmed

County Manager Hospitalized On Wednesday

By MARTIN HARMON

A late Wednesday afternoon rumor that members of the Kings Mountain Industrial Association would meet Friday morning with County Manager Joe Hendrick to discuss a collaborative effort for a county water system was not confirmed.

It brought the information, however, that Mr. Hendrick, one-time Kings Mountain city clerk, was hospitalized at Cleveland Memorial Hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Diane Patterson, Mr. Hendrick's secretary, said Mr. Hendrick was suffering gastro-intestinal pain which his doctor had labeled "left-sided appendicitis" and that he had entered the hospital for observation and treatment.

Meantime, reaction of the five industries buying most water from the city was mixed, following announcement of possible water rates to amortize the proposed bonds for the Buffalo Creek project.

Summated, reaction was:

1) Water is a necessity for everyone.

2) Could the rate projections be too high?

3) Who contrived the rate projections and how competent are they (see editorial Page 2)?

Mauney Hosiery President W. K. Mauney, Jr., said Tuesday night he supported the December 5 issue. He would have preferred, he said, a less costly project.

James E. Amos, controller of Massmo, Inc., said, "We are scratching our heads and don't know what to do at this stage. We don't know what alternative there would be. Maybe we'll know in another week."

Joe Kakassey, owner of K Mills, was particularly concerned with the rate projections which he regards as "inequitable". He added, "Everyone's for more water."

Joe Vale, secretary of Kings Mountain Industrial Association, of which W. K. Mauney, Jr., is president, acknowledged summoning members to a meeting at the request of Mr. Kakassey. He said he knew of no projected meeting with the county manager and added, "Industry wants water, but industry does want to sit down and see if it can be done for any less increase."

Mrs. Patterson said she knew of no scheduled meeting of Kings Mountain industrialists with the county manager.

Bumgardner Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Ralph A. Bumgardner, 40, will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. from Oak View Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. C. C. Bundy will officiate at the final rites. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 3 p.m. when it will lie in state at the church.

Mr. Bumgardner died Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a heart attack. He had retired from Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Margrace Plant eight months ago because of a heart condition.

A native of Cleveland County, he was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bumgardner. He was a World War II veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia Moore Bumgardner; three sons, Donnie Ray Bumgardner of Charlotte, Jerry Wayne and Thomas Arnold Bumgardner, both of the home; a daughter, Miss Linda Kay Bumgardner; five brothers, George Bumgardner, John Bumgardner, Edwin Bumgardner, Ray Bumgardner, all of Kings Mountain, and William Bumgardner of Ressemer City; and a sister, Mrs. Paul Cooper of Shelby.

Hospital Seeks 32-Bed Addition



SPEAKER — Rev. M. George Henry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, will fill the pulpit at Sunday services at Trinity Episcopal church.

Bishop Henry Here On Sunday

The Right Rev. M. George Henry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock morning worship hour at Trinity Episcopal church on Phifer road.

Bishop Henry will make his annual visitation and conduct confirmation rites. A coffee hour will follow the service.

At 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon Bishop Henry will attend a Deaneer meeting in Shelby.

At the evening hour on Sunday, the local congregation will join with the St. Andrew's and Mount Holly congregations to hear Edgar Hartley, Jr., executive director of Kanuga Conference, Inc., and Rev. James M. Hinde of Tryon report on the general convention of the church which met in September in Seattle, Washington. A covered dish supper will be served.

Plonk Accepts PHA Proffer

Hal S. Plonk, Kings Mountain builder, has contracted with Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority to serve as site negotiator. Thomas W. Harper, executive director, said this week.

Mr. Harper added that the authority would meet at the offices, 503 West Gold street, Monday at 1 p.m., in a meeting postponed from Monday past.

The authority is expected to authorize appointment of Frank Hoyle, register appraiser, of Cherryville, as site appraiser.

Mr. Harper reported 22 parcels of property in various sections of the city have been approved by regional officials of the Housing Assistance Administration as possible sites for the 150-unit low rent housing development, and that other sites have been provisionally approved as alternates.

Owners are being contacted, he added, and several have indicated willingness to make their properties available.

MISSION PROGRAM

Kings Mountain Baptist Association Brotherhood will sponsor "Emphasis On Foreign Missions" at Patterson Springs Baptist church Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. The president of the Baptist Seminary in the Philippine Islands, Dr. Tyner, will make the address. Baptist congregations from the area are invited to participate.

Officials To Ask County To Issue Bonds Voted '63

By MARTIN HARMON

Officials of Kings Mountain hospital will ask the board of county commissioners Monday to sell \$500,000 in hospital bonds—voted in 1963 for a 32-bed addition to the 75-bed institution.

Decision to proceed on the addition follows a formal turn-down by the North Carolina Medical Care commission on Kings Mountain hospital's application for matching federal funds under the Hill-Burton act.

Kings Mountain hospital officials first asked matching funds for a major addition, then discussed possibility for an extended care unit.

The commission, via letter from Secretary Henderson, informed the Kings Mountain directors that no funds would be available for any expansion in the foreseeable future. It was pointed out that many other applications are in hand from cities and counties throughout the state, and that Cleveland Memorial hospital's \$1,500,000 grant more than exhausted Cleveland County's share of the limited federal appropriations accruing to North Carolina.

Citizens of the county approved a \$2 million hospital bond issue in February 1963, with \$1.5 million earmarked for Cleveland Memorial and \$500,000 for Kings Mountain hospital.

Under state law, unused bond issue authority expires in five years.

Meantime, Administrator Grady Howard reports, occupancy at Kings Mountain hospital continues at a rate of 97 percent for the year ending September 1966 highest in North Carolina—with many patients being housed temporarily in passageways.

Plans for the addition by Freeman & White, Charlotte architectural firm specializing in hospital planning, project a new two-story east wing, providing a net bed addition of 32 along with new operating room and ancillary facilities.

WCS MEETING

The Women's Society of Christian Service of St. Paul's Methodist church will hold regular meeting Friday night at 7:30 at the church.

appearance of all buildings, a canopy to protect shoppers and a fountain in the center of the 400-car parking area. Extruded or expanded aluminum could be erected locally over the facing of the old building at a cost of \$3.50 per square foot.

The recommendations were similar to a project in Florence, S. C. which won for that city the "All American City" award in 1966. Pictures of the "Florence Story" were also shown.

The aluminum facing could be removed in panels for replacement or for servicing to the building. Florence project prices ranged from a high of \$24,000 on the largest multi-storied building to \$641 for a small shop.

Richard E. Maxey, chairman of the Mall Development committee of the Chamber of Commerce, noted that the Kings Mountain project would go a step further than the Florence project with facing of all the buildings all the way to the top, instead of part

Seven parcels of privately owned land lie within the mall area. The corporation has obtained options to purchase five of the parcels. The seventh parcel is the 50 by 60 foot lot occupied by Saunders Cleaners and Stowe's Radio-TV and owned by David R. Hamrick.

The names of property owners giving the options will be placed on a plaque in the mall.

The sketches, presented by representatives of Reynolds Aluminum Company, showed a uniform



TAPPED — Fred E. (Rick) Finger, III, top, Kings Mountain high school senior, has been nominated by a county committee for a Morehead scholarship. Danny Dyke, also a Kings Mountain senior, has been named an alternate.

Scholarship Nominees Chosen

Frederick Eli (Rick) Finger, 111 of Kings Mountain is one of three Cleveland County students named candidates from Cleveland County for a Morehead scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Joseph Daniel Dyke, also of Kings Mountain, was named alternate.

The other two candidates, both Shelby high school seniors, are Lewis Edwin Speagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olan Speagle, and George Willis Clay, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clay, Jr.

Candidates for the Morehead award will be interviewed by the District Nine committee sometime in January, according to L. Lyndon Hobbs, chairman of the county Morehead selection committee. Hobbs said candidates who pass that committee will go before the final selection committee in Chapel Hill to compete for four-year scholarships to UNC at Chapel Hill. Each Morehead Scholar receives a total of \$7,000 for undergraduate work from the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

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\$21,000 Goal Is Exceeded By \$200, More Reports Due

Kings Mountain's United Fund Campaign for 1968 is over the top. Drive Chairman Robert O. (Bob) Southwell, elated over results of Tuesday's one-day campaign for funds, said that at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday a total of \$21,200 had been received by volunteer campaign workers who started the day early with a kick-off breakfast at First Presbyterian church.

Goal of the campaign for seven causes was \$21,000.

A remote control unit at First Presbyterian church connected the 35 workers with Radio Station WKMT which broadcasted results of the drive throughout the day.

All six divisions of the campaign were "over the top", reported Southwell with the schools division headed by Supt. Donald Jones reporting 198 percent of the goal and followed by the correspondence division headed by Richard Maxey, the industrial group headed by George Houser, the commercial division headed by Larry Hamrick, the advance gifts division headed by Charles Mauney and the professional solicitation headed by Mrs. Sam Robinson.

"It was a unique campaign for Kings Mountain", said Southwell and United Fund President W. Donald Crawford. They expressed their appreciation to volunteers who worked for the success of the campaign and their pleasure at response to the drive.

United Fund gifts will support work of the American Red Cross, the Kings Mountain high school band, the Kings Mountain high school chorus, the Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Council, Cleveland County Rescue & Life Saving Squad, and Carolinas United Community Services, Inc.

The goal this year is \$1,500 higher than last year's goal and \$4,500 over the 1966 goal.

City Board Bans Trash Burning

The city board of commissioners, at the request of Fire Chief Floyd Thornburg, Tuesday night banned trash burning due to the city water shortage and unusually dry conditions prevailing.

The ban is effective immediately, and was enacted at the request of Fire Chief Floyd Thornburg.

Under city ordinance, persons or firms desiring to burn leaves or other debris are required to obtain prior permission from the fire chief.

"A real bad fire would put us in a real trouble," Chief Thornburg told the board.

Lions Endorse Water Bonds

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GOLD STAR PARENTS HONORED — Gold Star Mothers and Fathers of Cleveland County were honored Sunday at a luncheon given by Legion Auxiliaries of Warren F. Hoyle Post of Shelby and Otis D. Green Post 155 of Kings Mountain. Congressman Basil L. Whitener made the address. There were 42 honored guests, including several from Kings Mountain. From left to right, Commander Carl Wiesener of Post 155 of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Wiesener, Mrs. Cletus Long, of Kings Mountain, Congressman Whitener and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moorhead of Kings Mountain. Other Gold Star parents present from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lee. (Photo by Neil Holcomb).

Gold Star Mothers Are Honored

Congressman Basil L. Whitener, in a speech before Cleveland County Gold Star Mothers in Shelby Sunday, paid tribute to the sacrifice that the nation's veterans have made in the defense of their country.

The luncheon, arranged by members of Warren F. Hoyle Post 82 Auxiliary, of Shelby, and American Legion Post 155 Auxiliary, of Kings Mountain, was held at the Shelby American Legion Building.

Whitener said that those who have worn the uniform of their country have a particular appreciation of the responsibilities of citizenship and the price that must be paid to maintain liberty.

Recalling the nation's past wars, Whitener declared that "38 million men and women have participated in our nation's military conflicts. One million and two thousand of them have made the supreme sacrifice. Twenty-six million of them are living today and remain as a living symbol of our love of freedom."

The Congressman praised the young men fighting in Vietnam and said that the republic owes them a special debt of gratitude. "In the defense of their country, they are performing the highest duty of citizenship at a time when some of their countrymen at home are questioning the reasons for their presence on the battlefield," he said.

Whitener told the Gold Star Mothers that the nation's fighting men deserve the support of every American. "Regardless of the ideological and other differences that Americans have as to the war in Vietnam, the members of our Armed Forces deserve and should have the support, the respect and the admiration of every American. To give them less would be to repudiate our great heritage," he declared. Congressman Whitener is a World War II veteran and is serving his sixth term in the office of Representatives.

Mrs. Roy Propst, president of the Shelby Auxiliary Post 82, recognized special guests, including Congressman and Mrs. Whitener, of Gastonia; Mrs. Griffin Smith of Shelby, state president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Mr. Smith; Mrs. B. M. Jarrett of Shelby, national chairman of Girl State activities in the American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Durham Davis of Shelby, Gold Star chairman, and Mr. Davis; Warren F. Hoyle Post Commander F. A. Dalton, Mrs. Dalton and their daughter, all Shelbians; and Otis D. Green Post 155 Commander Carl Wiesener of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Wiesener.

Forty-two Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Fathers were recognized, among them Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moorhead, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lee and Mrs. Cletus Long. Other Kings Mountain people attending were Mrs. John H. Moss, president of Post 155 Auxiliary; Mrs. Clarence L. Jolly, vice-president of Post 155 Auxiliary; Mrs. Della McIntyre and Miss Elizabeth Stewart.

HUD Recertifies City's Program



PROMOTED—Bruce Huffstetler, Kings Mountain native, has been appointed manager of the NASA Regional Audit Office, Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

Mr. Huffstetler Wins Promotion

Samuel Bruce Huffstetler, Kings Mountain native, has been appointed Manager, NASA Regional Audit Office, Langley Research Center and Wallops Station, Hampton, Virginia.

Mr. Huffstetler previously held the position of Assistant Manager, NASA Regional Audit Office, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama. He has worked with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the past four years. Prior to beginning work with NASA he held positions with the Army Missile Command and the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

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Teeners' Trial Scheduled Friday, Result Of Saturday Altercation

Trial of a trio of Kings Mountain teenagers on charges arising from a Saturday afternoon fracas at a U.S. 74 by-pass service station near Shelby will be held in Cleveland Recorder's Court Thursday.

As a result of the fracas, two groups of people have been charged, according to report of the county sheriff's department.

One set of charges, according to Sheriff's Deputy Paul Barbee, arose from the allegation that Wade Humphries, 20, of Shelby, was beaten by two youths while another held Humphries' father, Odell Humphries, 54, of Shelby, at gunpoint.

The other charges were filed against the two Humphries and another man by the father of one of the three youths charged by Humphries.

Clark Mauney, 17, of Kings Mountain, has been charged with assault and carrying a concealed

Federal Grants Approval Hinged On Renewal

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain's workable program for community improvement has won recertification by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mayor John Henry Moss has been informed by Edward H. Baxter, regional administrator.

The program is recertified through November 1, 1968. Mayor Moss expressed "very special pleasure" at the recertification, pointing out that certification of the workable program is preliminary to obtaining federal grants for any project application administered by this federal agency.

Pending applications include those for urban renewal for \$864,000 and \$450,000 for the Buffalo Creek water project.

Administrator Baxter wrote: "The Review of Progress under the Workable Program for Community Improvement as submitted by Kings Mountain has been thoroughly reviewed by this office, and the Program has been recertified by Assistant Secretary Don M. Hummel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A properly executed certificate to this effect is enclosed."

"A close examination of programs administered by this Department will disclose that they are geared to assist a community that is willing to help itself. As a certified participant in Workable Program activities, Kings Mountain has shown that it is making a coordinated effort to improve living conditions for its citizens. The personnel of this office are most anxious to assist Kings Mountain in any way possible."

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weapon in connection with the altercation. Wayne Mullinax, 17, of Kings Mountain, has been charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The third boy, a juvenile, is charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Charles have also been brought by Mauney's father, George H. Mauney, against Odell and Wade Humphries, as well as Jimmy Young of Winston-Salem. The older Humphries, owner of a U.S. 74 service station, is charged with assault and aiding and abetting assault with a deadly weapon. His son is charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Young has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

According to Humphries, six youths besides the three that have been charged, were involved in the incident. It occurred at Humphries' station just outside Shelby.