

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 1966, and includes the 14,980 population of number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

WATER PROJECT IS APPROVED 1382 TO 69

KM Alcan Plant Is Dedicated



DEDICATION — Eric A. Trigg is president of Alcan Aluminum Company of Cleveland, Ohio, here Monday for the dedication of the company's first facility in the Southeast.



MANAGER — George H. Poggen is the manager of the new Alcan Aluminum Company mobile home service center here.

Library Adds 319 New Books

New books added to the shelves of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library totaled 319 during the three-month period, July through September.

The circulation report for the same period showed the juvenile population is reading more than their elders. A total of 5,144 books for young folk were circulated against a total of 2,877 books for adults.

These reports were given by Mrs. Charles Dilling, librarian, to members of the Library Board at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Mrs. Dilling also reported that total book registration for the period was 3,766.

Mrs. Clary's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. S. A. Clary, 85, of Shelby, mother of Mrs. Victor Hamrick of Kings Mountain, were held Saturday at p.m. from Mt. Sinai Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Clary died Thursday afternoon in Royster Memorial hospital. The widow of S. A. Clary, Mrs. Clary was the former Wilitte and Pearson, daughter of the late George and Mary Champion Pearson.

Other survivors include four sons, four daughters; two sisters; 10 grandchildren; 100 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Central Methodist Choir To Sing Maunder's "Bethlehem" On Sunday

The Senior Choir of Central Methodist church will present the Christmas Cantata, "Bethlehem," by J. H. Maunder Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the church sanctuary.

E. Cuthbert wrote the text for the Christmas Cantata. The cantata is composed of

Service Center To Be Operating By Mid-January

By MARTIN HARMON

Alcan Aluminum Company, Cleveland, Ohio, dedicated its first plant in the Southeast Monday, a mobile home service center, with production scheduled to begin by mid-January.

The facility, operated in the 24,000 square foot Mauney Building at 311 Childers street, will employ ultimately about 25 persons.

George Poggen, plant manager, said that the month's interim between Saturday's open house and opening of production will be utilized in completing equipment installation, employing and training production workers and in otherwise readying to provide painted aluminum products for the mobile home and recreational vehicle industry.

At Monday's dedication, President Eric A. Trigg said the initial investment in the Kings Mountain operation approximates \$250,000.

OPEN HOUSE

Alcan Aluminum Company is holding open house at its new Kings Mountain facility, 311 Childers street, Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock. Officials will conduct guests on a tour of the plant and refreshments will be served.

"The mobile home industry is the largest purchaser of painted aluminum in the United States today," said Mr. Trigg, as he commented on Alcan's new facility. "This year the industry will consume about 66-thousand tons of painted aluminum stock, and a substantial amount of this tonnage will be used in the Carolinas, which ranks as the nation's sixth largest producer of mobile homes and recreational vehicles," Trigg added. "Within a 100-mile radius of Kings Mountain," he continued, "are 30 manufacturers of these vehicles."

President Trigg, John Henry Moss, mayor of Kings Mountain, and Mr. Poggen, plant manager of the new facility presided at the official ribbon-cutting and (Continued on Page 6)

Abernathy's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Thomas Henry Abernathy, 73, of Grover, were held Saturday from his home in Grover. Rev. Stewart White and Rev. Dwight Mullis officiated, and interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Abernathy died Wednesday at Oteen hospital after an illness of five years. He had been seriously ill for two months.

A retired postal employee, he had worked at Shelby Post Office for 39 years. His wife, the former Renner Brackett, operates Renn's Cafeteria in Grover. He was a member of Shelby's Central Methodist church and was a veteran of World War I. He was also a member of Cleveland Masonic Lodge 202, the American Legion, and Warren F. Hoyle Post where he had received his 50 year pin.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Robert Abernathy, of the home; a daughter, Mrs. F. A. Davis of Fort Worth, Texas; a brother, George C. Abernathy of Forbestown, Calif., and five sisters, Misses Mary and Martha Abernathy, Mrs. L. N. Buchanan, Mrs. Nell Herwin, all of Shelby, and Mrs. Alma Abernathy of Martinez, Ga.

BOARD TO MEET

Regular meeting of the city board of commissioners will be held Tuesday at City Hall at 6 p.m.

Stocking Fund In Seventh Year



CANDIDATE — J. Melville Brogton, Jr., son of the former governor and United States Senator, announced this week he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Mattie Taylor Dies At 104

Funeral rites for Mrs. Mattie Taylor, 104, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 from Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Taylor died Friday after declining health for some time. Born in Gaston County March 1, 1863, she was the former Mattie Boyd. Widow of Jim Taylor, she was mother of nine children, three of whom survive. They are Mrs. Emma Taylor, Mrs. Bertha Reid and Clyde Taylor, all of Kings Mountain.

Other survivors include 29 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Rev. R. L. Garvin, Rev. J. M. Alexander, Mrs. M. L. Campbell and Rev. W. J. Campbell officiated at the final rites.

Tributes from the church, Compact community and friends were made by Mrs. Beatrice Patterson, Roy Brown, and Mrs. M. Meek. Carl Bennix sang a solo and the church choir sang the hymn, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Mrs. Taylor, the Kings Mountain area's eldest citizen, had lived almost all her life in the Compact Community. Her long illness had confined her to her home, but she was able to do light housekeeping on her 103rd birthday when she told a reporter her secret of longevity was "love the Lord and work hard."

The Empty Stocking booth will be set up in front of Belk's said Mr. Mann.

Clubs and individuals who wish to make contributions to the appeal may forward checks to Mr. Mann in care of Postoffice Box 786.

Jaycees Begin Tree Sale

Christmas trees will go on sale this weekend at the Jaycee Tree Lot on East Mountain street across from the Woman's club.

Jaycee Project Chairman Herman Greene said a variety of trees will be available in prizes ranging from \$2 to \$4.

The annual fund-raising project will support community efforts of the civic organization, said Mr. Greene.

Attendance awards Twelve Kings Mountain Lions club members received perfect attendance pins at a recent meeting. They were Richard Barnett, C. P. Barry, John Bedford, Howard Bryant, Ray Holmes, Edwin Moore, Bill Moss, Hal Plonk, Johnny Reavis, Odus Smith, Willie Williams and W. L. Plonk.

Jaycees Launch Toys For Tots Appeal Monday

At least two Christmas-season projects in Kings Mountain will provide Operation Santa Claus for the indigent.

Members of the Greater Kings Mountain Ministerial Association announced plans this week to conduct the annual Empty Stocking appeal for funds for the needy.

Toys For Tots, a project of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce, will get underway Monday, Project Chairman Herman Greene said this week. Mr. Greene said the Toys for Tot headquarters has been set up on the East Mountain street parking area across from the Woman's club. He said citizens with good, used toys to donate to the area needy may deliver them to the booth or call any Jaycee for pick-up service. The toys will be repaired by Jaycees for delivery to children on Christmas Eve.

"There are many needy children," said Mr. Greene, "and we can use any and all toys which can be repaired to assure some needy child a brighter Christmas."

Rev. Robert Mann, chairman of the Empty Stocking appeal, said ministers will again man the Empty Stocking booth and ring Christmas bells for the needy on Battleground Avenue in the business district. Christmas shoppers will be asked to contribute to the project. Committees from the association will begin calling on area businessmen next week to solicit contributions for the charity project, said Mr. Mann.

For six years Kings Mountain ministers have served as a clearing house for helping the needy of the community. During the 1966 Christmas season a total of \$3,500 was contributed to provide food, toys, clothing and staple items to 225 needy families of the Kings Mountain area. In addition, the gifts were used during the year to provide fuel, medicine and food to the area needy.

"About 320 families received aid during 1967 who would not have received this help had it not been for the generous gifts of Kings Mountain citizens," said Mr. Mann.

Rev. D. B. Alderman officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Hoke died Tuesday morning at 1:45 a.m. in Turner Convalescent Home in Shelby after several years' illness.

She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Noah Franklin Watterson. Her husband, an electrical contractor, died May 25, 1965.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Dan Finger; her son-in-law, Dan Finger; two grandchildren, Anne and Danny Finger, all of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. M. H. Biser of Kings Mountain, Mrs. M. M. Barber of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. J. A. Kiser of Raleigh; and a brother, Charles K. Watterson of Charlotte.

Stewards of Central Methodist church served as active pallbearers.



NOTES NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY — William Webster Hardin observed his 95th birthday Sunday at a birthday dinner attended by his three sons, his daughter, and their families. Mr. Hardin has 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. The family gathering was held at his home in Kings Creek, S. C. Children of Mr. Hardin are Elmer Hardin and Webster Hardin, both of Kings Mountain, Byrd Hardin and Miss Vera Hardin, both of Kings Creek, S. C., two sons and a daughter, Melvin and Marvin Hardin and Miss Vinnie Hardin, are deceased. (Photo by Lynda Hardin).

Water Pipe Loan Won't Be Renewed

Hodges Writes Letter Received Election Day

By MARTIN HARMON

There was one untoward event, from the city's standpoint, on Tuesday, as citizens approved the Buffalo Creek water project by an overwhelming margin.

The North Carolina director of civil defense's letter to Mayor John Henry Moss—stating that the city's loan of water pipe from the army would not be extended past March 22—was received in Tuesday morning's mail.

Wednesday morning the board of city commissioners concurred in the Mayor's suggestion that all efforts be exerted to obtain further extensions of loan periods, since development of the Buffalo will require well over a year.

"We'll surely need that pipe unless we have a Noah's flood," Commissioner Ray Cline remarked.

Letter from Director William M. Hodges to Mayor Moss, under date of December 4, follows:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24 November 1967 sending us an executed copy of agreement for the loan of government engineering equipment to the city of Kings Mountain.

"When this equipment was made available to Kings Mountain in April 1967, it was to furnish the city with a temporary loan of emergency equipment to alleviate a critical water shortage. With the extension to 22 March 1968 the city of Kings Mountain will have had this equipment eleven months.

"We have been advised that this equipment was made available for civil defense training purposes in alleviating a temporary critical water shortage situation. This equipment cannot continue to be made available on an indefinite basis, since it was not loaned for the purpose of providing long-term supplement water. It was our understanding that during the time this equipment was on loan the city was to provide a more permanent solution (Continued on Page 6)

Official Results \$3,000,000 Water Bond Election December 5, 1967

Table with 6 columns: Ward, FOR, AGAINST, TOTAL VOTE. Rows for Ward I-V and Totals.

\$3 Million Bonds Supported 20 To 1

Sewage Project Bids Due Today

The city board of commissioners will convene at 2 o'clock Tuesday to receive bids on an estimated \$1,300,000 sewer system renovation and expansion project.

Bonds for the project were approved by citizens at an election in March 1966.

In July, the city was awarded a federal grant for the project of \$388,500.

The present McGill treatment plant serving East Kings Mountain will be doubled in capacity to treat one million gallons daily.

A two-million gallon daily capacity plant is to be constructed on Potts Creek.

Tuesday Election SIDELIGHTS

The Gastonia Gazette headlined the results of the water bond election "Kings Mountain Votes Wet", an obvious allusion to the June ABC election at which voters said "bone dry".

It was in the minds of the voters too. "Voted wet yet?" was a common question at the polling places Tuesday, as June's wets and dries teamed to vote overwhelmingly for water. Dry Leader Rev. Robert Mann had mentioned it from the First Baptist pulpit Sunday. Dry Leader Yates Harbison, leaving the polling booth, greeted Mayor John Henry Moss, "Mr. Mayor, I've lived long enough to vote wet!"

Mrs. Ruth Bowers, Ward III registrar, left the talking at her precinct to Judges Rochel Connor and Mrs. D. P. McDaniel. She suffered from laryngitis and could eke out little more than a whisper.

Mrs. Emma Blalock was the last voter at Ward V. Could she vote for her husband who was sick? Mrs. Paul Patterson asked if he were outside in the car. "No, he's home in bed with a fever of 104," Mrs. Blalock replied. He was unable to vote.

Other polls-closers were ex-Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Henry R. McKelvie, Mrs. Jane Hinson and Mrs. Clyde Murphy.

Polls-openers, Wards I to V, were Mrs. Nell Cranford, a judge, ex-Commissioner Boyce H. Gault, Mrs. Plato Heaven-er, Mrs. S. O. Kirby, a judge, and Tom Barnette.

Coroner Ollie Harris was a solid bond issue supporter. One less enthusiastic citizen labeled him "Admiral of the Fleet".

Joe Vale, the Industrial Association secretary who questioned the water bond project and who lives in Gaston county, was the target for many barbs. Cityman Tilman Pearson quipped he was taking a voting booth to Gastonia. "Joe Vale's gotta have a place to vote," he declared.

The annual Lions Club Foot ball Banquet will take place on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

The guest speaker will be the head football coach from Appalachian State University, Carl J. Messere.

The banquet, annual since 1940, honors the high school football team.

Four trophies will be awarded at the Lions Club affair. Trophies to be presented are: George Plonk Most Valuable Player Trophy, Fred Plonk Best Blocker Award, John Gamble Scholastic Award, and the Most Improved Player Award—awarded by the KMHS coaches.

In addition to these four trophies, all senior players will receive plaques.

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Funds To Provide Big Lake, Lines, Water Treatment

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain citizens went to the polls 1451 strong Tuesday and cast an overwhelming vote, 1382 to 69, in favor of issuing \$3,000,000 in bonds for the Buffalo Creek water project.

The margin was 20 to 1.

Only one time before—at the March 10, 1962, district school bond election—had more in-city citizens cast votes in a bond election. That total was 1530, the margin of favor 4 to 1.

All wards returned heavy majorities. Ward I at City Hall claimed the largest preponderance, 129 to 1.

The voting culminated 18 months work by city officials, the city engineers W. K. Dickson & Company, numerous government agencies at federal and state levels, private firms and individual citizens.

The project calls for expenditure of \$3,338,000 to build a reservoir on Buffalo Creek north of State Road 2033 which will form a lake with 55-mile shoreline, a four million gallon daily capacity treatment plant near the dam site, a 24-inch seven-plus mile transmission line into the city distribution system, pumping stations and other required accessories.

The issue in water-short Kings Mountain appeared virtually non-controversial until the city commission adopted a resolution of intent on proposed water rates to pay for the system. Under the resolution, basic water rates would be increased via a 90 percent surcharge. The volume rate cut-off, now .1875 per thousand gallons, would be 25 cents per thousand after one million gallons per month. An outside-city industrial differential of 25 percent would be imposed.

Some large industrial users questioned the project on the grounds a smaller, less-costly approach would provide adequate water.

Moss: Thanks For Your Support

Mayor John Henry Moss issued the following statement following Tuesday's water bond election:

"The citizens of Kings Mountain have responded magnificently to meet a community water crisis. They have shown determination and togetherness of effort to accomplish the task of solving today's emergency and meeting tomorrow needs.

"The city commissioners and I are most grateful for the support of the citizens for the Buffalo water project.

"Their unmatched support for the water bond referendum expressed a desire for community action—to move forward and to build a better life for all the citizens for the enlighten and alert decade of the 70's.

"We pledge ourselves to be ever diligent in our efforts and serve with responsibility to every citizen.

"Again we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support—your confidence and ask you to assist us in making Kings Mountain the city of opportunity and progress."

At Wednesday morning's commission meeting for the official canvass of the votes, the commissioners unanimously seconded and adopted motion of Commissioner Norman King to issue a resolution of appreciation to the church, civic and trade organizations and individuals endorsing the water bond issue and to communications media for their efforts to inform citizens of details of the project.

FRUIT CAKE SALE Kings Mountain Lions club members are conducting the annual Christmas-season sale of Claxton fruit cakes. Members who have not picked up their supply to sell should contact Lion Gene Timms at Timms Furniture.