

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8,256

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the official United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,890 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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Monday Big Day At Postoffice; Open Saturday

The Christmas season mail rush is on at Kings Mountain postoffice.

Postmaster Charles Alexander said Monday was the office's first big day and the volume of mail indicated this year's mailing will set a Christmas season record. He reported cancellations on Monday were 13,000 pieces of mail, including 11,887 pieces of outgoing mail, with 1,200 metered pieces. On a normal day the postoffice registers about 3,000 pieces of out-going letter mail, said Mr. Alexander.

Mr. Alexander announced the postoffice will remain open all Saturday, with windows closed at 5 p.m.

"I must urge all citizens to get their packages and greeting cards mailed at once to assure delivery by Christmas", said the postmaster. "We appreciate the cooperation of patrons in labeling local and out-of-town cards and mailing early in the day. This helps eliminate or better controls last minute rush periods", the postmaster added.

Postmaster Alexander reminded of some mailing points:

Cushion all package material sufficiently and wrap securely. For distant points, mail now. For local delivery, mail by December 16th, if possible.

Separate your local and out-of-town cards. You may secure, free of charge, labels for this purpose at the post office windows.

Legion Exceeds Membership Goal

RALEIGH — Information received here from Department Headquarters of The American Legion in Raleigh indicates that Kings Mountain's Otis D. Green, 155, has conducted a highly successful membership drive.

Carl V. Wiesener, commander of the post, has received a letter from Department Adjutant J. Carroll Wilson reporting that Post 155 has exceeded by 21 to date its Legion Membership Incentive Goal of 289 for 1968. The Legion Adjutant expressed congratulations and thanks to the Post leaders and membership workers for their effort.

A statement of high praise for the local Post was issued by Robert A. (Bob) Tart of Benson, North Carolina, Department Commander of The American Legion. Commander Tart said, "The membership of every Legionnaire makes it possible for The American Legion to maintain service for the sick and disabled in hospitals. Memberships make possible as care for needy children, Baseball, Boys' State, Boy Scout Troops, Oratorical Contests, Community Service, and all the others. I am proud to congratulate Post 155 upon this notable achievement."

Post Commander Wiesener explained that "68-Can Do Year" — the theme of this year's drive — was to remind all war veterans of their service to their country which makes them eligible to become Legionnaires.

"We are accepting dues payments now from Legionnaires and eligible veterans whose membership is essential if the local organization is to continue its service programs", Commander Wiesener stated. Also, he reported that the Post is planning to expand its local programs and activities, depending on the final results of the 1968 membership drive.

Pupils Give P-TA Program

A musical program by third and fourth graders featured Tuesday night's East School P-TA meeting in East school auditorium.

Under the direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, the third grade pupils of Miss Jackie Blanton gave a demonstration of the use of rhythm instruments by accompanying the carols they sang. Mrs. Ann Scism's fourth grade sang several selections and three students played the autoharp.

Rev. Dixon Adams, pastor of Grace Methodist church, conducted the devotional. Dr. D. F. Hord, vice-president, presided.

Plans to serve a spaghetti supper as a fund-raising project on Friday, January 19th, were discussed.

Miss Jackie Blanton's class won the attendance banner for grades 1-3 and Mrs. Scism's class for grades 4-6.



TO NOTE NINETY-FOURTH BIRTHDAY — Mrs. Sara Horne will observe her 94th birthday Monday. Her daughter, Mrs. Lester Darty, will honor her at a drop-in party Sunday from 1 until 5 p.m. at the Darty home at 405 E. King street. Other children of Mrs. Horne are Emmett Horne of Shelby and George Horne of Kings Mountain. There are three grandchildren, Ray Horne, Gregory Horne and Karen Horne, all of Kings Mountain. There are three great-grandchildren, Robbie, Dana and Kenneth Horne, all of Kings Mountain. (Photo by Steve Martin)

Three Are Elected To School Faculty

The board of education elected three teachers and accepted two resignations Monday night. New teachers are Mrs. Robin Byrd, second grade West school; Mrs. David Wyatt, high school mathematics; and Mrs. Jeanne Plonk Beam, Cherryville, high school science.

Resignations of Mrs. Jill Cravley, second grade teacher at West, and W. F. Powell, high school math teacher were accepted.

The board approved recommendation of Superintendent Donald Jones to upgrade the junior high school (Central) athletic program, by fielding teams in football, basketball, and baseball to play full inter-school schedules. The board approved coaching supplements of \$300 per year for the three coaches.

The board also hired supplement of Mrs. Glenda E. O'Shields, high school junior varsity coach to \$300, including \$200 for her coaching duties and \$100 for her traveling with the girls varsity team to out-of-town games.

In other actions the board: 1) Approved purchase of liability insurance for the school system.

2) Confirmed sale of a lot near North school for \$325 to Mrs. Ben H. Bridges, high bidder at public auction.

3) Approved sale of the old Davidson school property at the appraisal price of \$7500 to Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, if sale other than at public auction is permitted by law.

4) Assigned 24 students, new to Kings Mountain, to several elementary schools.

5) Approved installation of acoustical tile at Central gymnasium on bid of \$2377, if the architects approve material specified.

6) Accepted low bid of Hartsell Brothers Fence Company, Charlotte, at \$396 for installation of a 190-foot four-foot fence, with gate, at the high school. Other bids were \$570 and \$610.

7) Adopted a policy of requiring an observation day for beginning teachers, with the board of education to pay substitute costs.

8) Adopted a teacher evaluation policy.

Supt. Jones made a progress report on Central school renovation and reported the architects for the North School addition have been slower in providing plans "than expected". He added, "I'm pushing them."

Mayor Asks For Pipe Loan Extension

New City Code Eliminates Some Old Laws

By MARTIN HARMON

Effective January 1 it will no longer be unlawful in Kings Mountain to chop wood on city streets.

Of course, there is little evidence of wood-chopping on city streets anyway, as the wood stove population has diminished to the vanishing point in favor of ranges and heating units employing electricity, oil and gas.

That and other aged ordinances considered out-of-date will vanish from the city New York City as a result of action by the board of commissioners Tuesday night in adopting a new city code.

The city's ordinance book was up-dated in 1952, but it is the first complete re-codification, Mayor John Henry Moss says, since 1908.

Some other venerable laws omitted:

1) Mothers and/or baby sitters will no longer be breaking the law when they push baby carriages abreast on the sidewalks within the fire limits.

2) Horsemen (the few remaining) will not be breaking the law if they do some "trick" or "fancy" riding on streets or sidewalks. (Stiff penalties remain for "trick" and "fancy" auto drivers.)

3) It is no longer unlawful to blow a steam whistle except to give notice of time to begin or stop work. (Today just about everyone owns a watch and several clocks—alarm, clock radio, kitchen stove.)

4) Peddlers, hawkers, hawkers and peddlers may now wear their wares, though generic laws remain for preventing disturbing the peace.

5) A horse or cow may now be left unattended and unhitched, if the owner trusts safety of the animal to modern day traffic.

Red Cross Approves Plan

Cleveland County Red Cross chapter board of directors, in regular meeting Wednesday, voted to join with eight other individual chapters to form the Greater Carolina Chapter with headquarters in Charlotte.

There will be no change in operation of the chapters here and in Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg, and Union counties, all in North Carolina, and York, Rock Hill and Clover, all in South Carolina.

A merger of chapters would improve Red Cross services to all the people involved, said Mrs. Charles F. Mauney, publicity chairman for the local chapter.

The board of directors of the Greater Carolinas chapter will be the legislative and policy making volunteer body for the chapter. Each of the local units may have a local unit board which would be advisory in nature to the chapter board of directors and responsible for the implementation of Red Cross services at the local unit level. The membership of the chapter board of directors will be representative of the total chapter jurisdiction. The initial board of directors will be composed of 60 elected members from the local units according to a population pro-rate, said Mrs. Mauney.

The appointment is at 10:30 a.m.

County citizens voted a \$2 million hospital construction bond issue, of which \$500,000 was earmarked for the Kings Mountain plant.

Cost estimate on a two story east wing, to provide 36 beds, a new operating room and other facilities is \$786,000. With monies via gifts in hand and aid from charitable foundations indicated, the hospital board feels it can finance the project with the additional \$100,000 requested. President Mauney told the county commission recently.

The hospital last year showed highest occupancy rate among general hospitals in North Carolina.

Members of the committee are County Manager Joe Hendrick, County Attorney C. C. Horn, County Auditor Max Hamrick and George W. Mauney, president of Kings Mountain Hospital.

Grady Howard, hospital administrator, will accompany the group.

Mr. Hendrick had written Mr. Easterling concerning means of financing the supplemental appropriation other than through a bond election.



KMHS CHOIR TO PRESENT YULE PROGRAMS—The Kings Mountain High School Choir, above, will present programs of Christmas music for various organizations, beginning Thursday. Under the direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure and Mrs. Ben T. G. North, the choir will sing at Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting at the Woman's club; at Friday's Christmas party of the Senior Citizens club at noon at the Woman's club; at Central Methodist church on Sunday; and at the high school on December 19th. Other programs have been given at Elynum Chapel AME Zion church and at Gastonia Tabernacle. To be a member of the choir a student must have taken chorus for one year and maintain an A average. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Condemnation Action Taken On Plant Site, Right-of-Way



PRESIDENT — Dr. Sam Robinson has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Medical Staff for the coming year.

Medical Staff Taps Robinson

Dr. Sam Robinson, Kings Mountain surgeon, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Medical Staff for the coming year.

The new president succeeds Dr. Joe Lee, III.

Other officers elected Monday at a luncheon meeting at the hospital were Dr. Charles Moore of Grover, vice-president; and Dr. J. B. Gentry, secretary.

Phenix Plant Party Sunday

Burlington Industries will again observe the Christmas season with plant vacations, traditional Christmas parties for employee children, and bonus payments for wage employees.

Christmas parties for children of some 70,000 employees are traditionally held during this period. Here in Kings Mountain the Phenix Plant of Burlington's Burlington Yarn Co. division has scheduled parties on Sunday with 600 children and parents expected to attend.

The local plant will be closed for the holiday from December 23 through December 26.

Prior to the holiday closing, Burlington production employees will receive Christmas bonus payments, which this season will total about \$3 1/2 million for the entire company. These payments, plus payments received during last summer's vacation, will total about \$7 million this calendar year.

Blythe, Bryant Firms Are Low And Win Pacts

By MARTIN HARMON

Condemnation actions in behalf of the city have been filed against 13 property owners to enable contractors to proceed on the sewage system expansion serving the western portion of the city.

Eleven of the actions concern rights-of-way for sewer mains, while two involve the 62.03 acres the city wants as a site for the treatment plant to be located on Pilot Branch near Buffalo Creek.

Summons has been served on majority of the defendants with remainder to be served this week, City Attorney Jack H. White said.

George Peeler, of Shelby, a former Kings Mountain citizen is owner of 43.87 acres and the C. C. Whisnant Heirs are owners of 18.16 acres in the tract desired for the treatment plant site. The plant site would provide for expansion of the currently projected two-million-gallon daily capacity plant by six times, to 12 million gallons daily capacity.

Hearing on the actions is anticipated Tuesday, Attorney White said.

Under state law governing condemnation actions, the Attorney explained, Clerk of Court Paul Wilson will appoint a three-person appraisal team which would report findings within ten days. Both the city and property owner would have the right to appeal the findings to Superior Court. However, the city would have the right to proceed on the project.

Line rights-of-way are in hand from 23 of 34 property owners, each of whom accepted the city's proffer of one dollar per rod.

Mayor John Henry Moss said Wednesday, "The city is particularly appreciative of the cooperation of these property owners in aiding Kings Mountain to speed this long overdue improvement. It is estimated 90 percent of the required right-of-way is in hand."

In addition to the new Pilot Branch plant, the city will double capacity of the McGill plant on McGill creek to one million gallons daily capacity. This plant was built in 1954.

Bidding was brisk on construction of the Kings Mountain sewage system Thursday, the result being low bids—awarded Friday night—totaled some \$75,000 less than engineering estimates.

Blythe Brothers, Inc., of Charlotte, was low bidder among ten on the general contract at \$1,059,917.70.

Bryant Electric Company, of Gastonia, was low bidder among five at \$14,596 on the electrical contract.

Contract awards went to the low bidders.

Blythe Brothers was low by (Continued On Page Eight).



IN HONOR SOCIETY — Jerry Steven Ware, Belmont Abbey college student, has been elected to membership in Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Ware of Charlotte, he is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Briggs and Mrs. Bryte Ware, all of Kings Mountain.

Freno Ware, 67, Dies In Goldsboro

Funeral services for Samuel Freno Ware, 67, Goldsboro seed broker, were held Sunday afternoon at Goldsboro's First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Ware died Friday night at 8:30 at Wayne Memorial Hospital. The Kings Mountain native had undergone an operation in September for a brain tumor which was determined to be malignant.

Mr. Ware was a son of the late W. A. and Callie Anthony Ware. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Wrenn Ware, and five sisters, Mrs. Campbell Philfer, Mrs. W. S. Fulton, Sr., Mrs. John L. McGill and Miss Ava Ware, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. L. L. Stroupe, of Charlotte.

Burial was in Goldsboro's Willow Dale cemetery.

Tree Sale Now Underway

Kings Mountain Jaycees are conducting the annual sale of Christmas trees.

The trees are available from \$2 to \$4 at the Jaycee tree lot across from the Woman's club on East Mountain street.

Proceeds from the project are used for benefit of the club's extensive program of charity and community service.

Herman Greene is project chairman.

Conference Is Scheduled For January 4

By MARTIN HARMON

Mayor John Henry Moss and City Engineer W. K. Dickson will confer with state civilian defense officials January 4 in Raleigh to prepare a request to the army corps of engineers for extension of the loan of water pipe being used to augment the city supply.

William H. Hodges, state director of civilian defense, had written the Mayor last week that the loan of more than three miles of eight-inch pipe would not be renewed after the present extension expires March 22.

Mayor Moss, who talked with Director Hodges by telephone Wednesday afternoon, said the Director congratulated Kings Mountain citizens on their support of the water bond issue on December 5 and added the result would be helpful in supporting the extension request with the army group.

Following the January 4 conference, at which both state water resources and civil defense engineers will participate, a conference with the army corps of engineers will follow, probably during the week of January 15.

Mayor Moss told Director Hodges the city still is in the throes of a water crisis, in spite of last weekend's welcome rains, and suggested, barring unusually heavy rainfall the city would be water-short for a year.

The weekend rains improved the water level in the two water reservoirs, Superintendent of Public Works Grady Yelton reported Wednesday. York Road reservoir, down by seven feet, was four feet from spillover, while Davidson Lake, down by 17 feet, was 4.5 feet down from spillover.

Meantime, the city planning commission wrote the Mayor in alarm over the possible loss of the army water pipe, supplying water from Dairy Branch and Canterbury Creek, and urged launching of a campaign to urge citizens to curtail water consumption where possible.

Bob Maner, commission chairman, wrote: "The Kings Mountain Planning Commission wishes to take this opportunity to thank you and the entire Board for the extremely able leadership rendered by you in the recent bond election for the Buffalo Water Project. The excellence is indicated by the 20-1 margin for passage, when bond issues for many worthy causes in communities across our state are being soundly defeated.

"Our Commission feels, however, that the successful vote did not end our water crisis. We foresee an emergency water shortage in the near future should we lose the Corps of Engineers pipe which is on loan to us. We are aware of the recent correspondence received by you which indicates that the loan cannot be extended. Please do all in your power to have this decision rescinded.

"In the meantime, we believe that a campaign should be begun to inform our citizens of the possible water shortage and urge them to take the many steps to curtail the usage of water. We are aware that many of our industries are already using wells for part of their supply and are confident that they will continue to do so. Where there are those not doing this please urge them to do so. Domestic users should be encouraged to use water in the most effective ways possible.

"If our Board can be of any assistance, please contact us. The entire community has rallied around you and will cooperate fully through the completion of the Buffalo Project."

Herald To Publish On Regular Schedule

The Kings Mountain Herald Christmas edition will be published on regular schedule next week.

The paper will be published on Wednesday night under date of Thursday, December 21. The office will be closed from 1 p.m. Thursday until the morning of December 26.

The Herald will also publish on regular schedule the week following Christmas, appearing on newsstands Wednesday, December 27th, under date of December 28th.