

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 1968, 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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KINGS MOUNTAIN'S BABY DERBY WINNER—Tavie Elaine Bennett, seven pounds, one ounce baby girl, is held in the arms of her mother, Mrs. Leroy Bennett, at Kings Mountain hospital. The city's first New Year's baby arrived at 6:05 a.m. Monday morning. The attending physician was Dr. Paul Hendricks. The blue-eyed brunette is third daughter of the Bennetts. (Photo by Steve Martin)

Baby Derby Winner Is Third Daughter For Leroy Bennetts

Tavie Elaine Born New Year's Morn At 6:05

Kings Mountain's First Baby of 1968, who arrived six hours and five minutes after the New Year, is Tavie Elaine Bennett.

The third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett of 105 Coopers town weighed in at Kings Mountain hospital at seven pounds, one ounce. A brunette, she has blue eyes. Dr. Paul Hendricks was the attending physician.

As winner of the Kings Mountain Herald's 13th annual First Baby Derby, Tavie Elaine and her parents will receive numerous prizes from Kings Mountain merchants. The prizes are detailed on a two-page advertisement in this edition.

Mrs. Bennett, 20, is the former Judy Smith. Grandparents of the new arrival are Mrs. Ivey Smith and L. B. Bennett, both of Kings Mountain.

Other members of the Bennett family are four-year-old Teresa Lynn Bennett and two-year-old Audrey Kay Bennett.

First citizen of the New Year in Cleveland County was Don Christopher Putnam, who made his entry into the world just four minutes past the stroke of midnight New Year's Day at Cleveland Memorial hospital. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Putnam of Shelby weighed seven pounds and three ounces. He is their fourth child. Two other New Year's babies were born at Cleveland Memorial hospital Monday.

There were no other births reported from Kings Mountain hospital and Royster Memorial hospital at Boiling Springs.

C. M. May's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Charles M. May, 83, stepfather of Mrs. P. G. Padgett of Kings Mountain, were held Saturday at 11 a.m. from Stewart Ann Mowan Funeral Home of Baltimore, Maryland, interment following in Green-mount cemetery.

Mr. May, retired executive of the Maryland National Bank of Baltimore, died at 5 p.m. last Wednesday in Charlotte Memorial hospital. In ill health for several months, Mr. May had made his home with his stepdaughter here for some time.

He was a member of Old St. Paul Episcopal church of Baltimore.

Also surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cornelia McNeill Cooper May and five grandchildren.

Rev. Halsey M. Cook officiated at the final rites.



GRADUATE—Joan King has received an Associate of Arts degree from Gaston college.

Joan King Wins Degree

Joan King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis King, was graduated December 13th from Gaston college.

Miss King received an Associate of Arts degree in business education.

At Gaston college, Miss King was a member of the college chorus.

Tax Listing Pace Brisk

Among the busier places in town Monday and daily since is City Hall courtroom where city and county tax listing began Monday.

Edwin Moore, Number 4 township tax lister, and Mrs. Steve Harmon, city tax lister, reported listing going at a brisk pace.

Listing is underway daily, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at City Hall courtroom. Mondays, when recorder's court is held in the courtroom, tax listers will observe the same schedule at the National Guard Armory.

Tax listers will be at Grover Rescue Squad Building on January 8, 13, 22 and 27 from 8:30 until 5 p.m.

Assisting Mr. Moore are Mrs. Charles E. Ballard, Mrs. Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., and Mrs. Jack Hauser.

George M. Murray, Number 5 Township tax lister, will be at Bess Superette Thursday, and at Four Point Grocery both Friday and Saturday. On Thursday and Friday he will be on duty from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Saturday he will be on duty from 8 to noon. All other listing days will be at his residence.

Textile Firm Will Build Here

KM Knit Fabrics Expanding

Firm To Double Plant Size, Up Production

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics, Inc., is doubling the size of its building and adding machinery to increase plant capacity to some 70,000 pounds per week.

Robert Suber, an official of the firm, said the 13,000 square foot addition will provide needed space for present machinery, additional machinery, and storage room.

The brick building is two-story. The top floor will be utilized for knitting operations, while the first floor will be utilized for cloth inspection, mending, storage and shipping.

The addition is designed for easy expansion westward.

Mr. Suber described the operation as "quite diversified". Currently the firm is producing dress and sportswear fabrics, men's shirt fabrics, and terry cloth, from both synthetic and cotton fibers.

Chartered in February 1965, the firm began operations the following May.

Mr. Suber expects employment to increase to 56 with the new addition.

Other officers of the firm are George H. Mauney and Marvin McCarter.

Falls Heads Masonic Lodge

H. Donald Falls, manager of Liberty Loan Corporation, was installed as Worshipful Master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM at annual installation rites Monday night at Masonic Temple.

Installing officer was Master Bobby C. Bridges.

Other new officers installed are William E. Sellers, senior warden; Clavon Kelly, junior warden; Thomas D. Tindall, secretary; Marion L. Williams, treasurer; William P. Sarvice, tyler; Jesse Morehead, senior deacon; Billy H. Hawkins, junior deacon; Marvin Caveny, senior steward; Wayne Russell, junior steward; and James Rushing, chaplain.

Bobby C. Bridges will serve as three-year trustee. Continuing trustees are R. Howard Bridges and B. M. Hayes, Jr.

The new master appointed committees for the new year, including: H. Donald Falls, William E. Sellers and W. Clavon Kelly, charity; Robert C. Mann, Bobby C. Bridges and Thomas D. Tindall, reference; Billy H. Hawkins, Jesse Morehead, William P. Sarvice, David S. Dellinger and R. Howard Bridges, Oxford Orphanage; Evans H. Carroll, James Rushing, Jackie D. Barrett and David S. Dellinger, Masonic education; Alex D. Owens, Carl M. Logan and J. Lee Roberts, finance; Dexter Tate, Paul Walker and I. C. Davis, Eastern Star and Masonic Home; J. Hobert Dye, B. M. Hayes, Jr. and D. L. Bennett, building committee; H. Donald Falls, William E. Sellers and Clavon Kelly, ladies night banquet; and Eddie H. Herndon, Moffett Seism, Preston Todd, Emmett Ross and Marvin Caveny, Demolay advisory committee.

Members of an Eastern Star committee headed by Mrs. Denver King served refreshments.

Masters To Head March Of Dimes

Junior Woman's Clubbers will conduct the annual Mother's March on Polio on Thursday, January 25th, the club voted at Monday night's meeting.

The house-to-house canvass will be held from 7 until 9 p.m. and members will gather at the clubhouse to canvass the community.

Bennett Masters, Kings Mountain mortician on the staff of Harris Funeral Home, will head the Kings Mountain campaign for the third year.

Kings Mountain led the county campaign for funds to combat polio in last year's effort.

Top Teeners Are Yates, Webster

Jane Yates, high school sophomore, and Tim Webster, high school junior, were named Kings Mountain's Outstanding Teens for 1967 at the annual Optimist club ladies' night Saturday.

The nation's young people were warmly praised by Congressman Basil L. Whitener who made the keynote address and presented awards to the youths.

Referring to the nation's youth as the bright hope of the future, Whitener said that the vast majority of them are responding to the challenges of the time in a manner which reflects credit upon themselves, their families and their country.

Pointing out that approximately 50 percent of the nation's population is under 25 years of age, he commented that a great responsibility has been placed upon young people during this critical period in history. Referring to the demands of military service, the legislator declared: "American military commanders in Viet Nam have had the highest praise for our young fighting men. Military leaders agree that our young men in Viet Nam are the finest group of fighting men that the nation has ever assembled."

Whitener made the point that only a small minority of young people have adopted unorthodox views and ways of living. "They have received publicity in the news media all out of proportion to their numbers and the effect their behavior and views are having upon the future of our country."

The vast silent majority of our

young people, however, repudiate the ill-advised actions of the more vocal minority," he said.

The two recipients of the outstanding teenager award are active in church, school and community activities.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Yates, Jane Yates is a member of the Future Homemakers and Future Teachers organizations at Kings Mountain high school. She was homeroom representative in the SPO last year and secretary of the Science club. She is a member of the Senior Girl Scout Troop and is working toward the God and Community award. She is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church. The state Easter Seal Child in 1961, she hopes to pursue a career in speech therapy or psychology.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Webster, Tim Webster, 17, is president of the KMHS Band and a member of the SPO, Future Teachers, Key club and on the editorial staff of "The Mountaineer". He is on the Junior class honor roll and was nominated last year to attend the Governor's School. He drives a school bus and is a member of Temple Baptist church where he is a junior usher and teaches an Intermediate Training Union Class.

Congressman Whitener commended Optimist clubs and other civic organizations for the contribution the groups are making in behalf of the nation's young people. "You are effectively contributing to a greater tomorrow," he concluded.

School Enrollment Is Reported "Up"

School enrollment was reported "up" by two schools on Wednesday.

A spokesman for Central Junior high school reported attendance good. "Before Christmas we had a large number absent because of flu. Our attendance was up Tuesday and today."

The same report was given by a spokesman from North school who reported that most students, absent before the holidays with the flu bug, were back in the classroom.

Joe Cornwell Sports Editor

Joe Cornwell, high school junior, will become sports editor of the Herald Thursday.

Cornwell will be assisted by Gary Stewart, former Herald sports editor and now a member of the Gastonia Gazette sports staff.

Steve Martin, sports editor since September, is joining the Shelby Daily Star Friday as a photographer.

Cornwell has lettered for the past two years for the Kings Mountain high school football Mountaineers, was a member of the Teener baseball team of 1966 which finished third in the nation. He is sports editor of the high school annual.

Cornwell is the son of Mrs. Kay Suman and the late Joe Bill Cornwell. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McGinnis.

Mayor To Plea For Renewal Of Pipe Loan

Mayor John Henry Moss, and W. K. Dickson, city engineer, will go to Raleigh Thursday to confer with state civil defense officials on renewal of the water pipe which has enabled the city to augment its limited supply.

The conference, with Director William Hodges and civil defense agency engineers is set for 1 o'clock.

The agency informed the city in early December the loan of five-plus miles of army pipe would not be renewed.

"We need the pipe for at least 12 months and will beg extension," the Mayor said.

He added the hope the state agency would endorse the plea of the city.

Final decision is in the hands of the regional army engineers corps.

The current 120-day extension of the pipe loan expires March 22.

Deadline Friday For DSA Nominee

Deadline for nominations for Kings Mountain's Young Man of 1967 is Friday.

Citizens who wish to nominate a young man (age 21-35) to receive the distinguished service award should submit the nomination in writing to PO Box 303, Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain Jaycees will recognize the 1967 winner at the 14th annual Bosses' Night banquet on January 16th at 7 p.m. at the Woman's club.

A former DSA winner, Shuford K. Peeler, is chairman of the DSA committee.

Farris Rites Thursday At 3

Funeral rites for Herbert David Farris, 34, of Clinton, S. C., will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home. Interment will be in Woodside cemetery at Clover, S. C.

Farris, an invalid since childhood, died Tuesday night at 10 p.m. in Clinton, S. C. He was a native of Clover, S. C.

He is survived by his father, Ira Mack Farris, of Kings Mountain, and his stepmother, Mrs. Mabel Parker Farris.

Senator Rauch To Attend Meetings

State Senator Marshall Rauch will attend two governmental meetings during the weekend.

On Friday, he will be in Raleigh for a meeting of the subcommittee on lending and borrowing.

On Saturday, he will be in Chapel Hill for a meeting of the jail study commission.

Lions Are Selling '68 City Auto Tags

Sale of 1968 city auto license plates went on sale this week at City Hall courtroom.

Members of the Kings Mountain Lions club are again conducting the sale. Tags are \$1 and may be purchased Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

25 Employees To Start; Rauch Head of Firm

By MARTIN HARMON

A narrow fabrics dyeing and finishing firm, headed by State Senator Marshall Rauch, will construct and build a plant here. Interment is to be in operation in April.

Announcement was made this week by the Senator, chairman of the board of Pyramid Mills, Bessemer City, and Co-Chairman L. E. Josh Hinnant and Ollie Harris, of the Mayor's industrial committee.

Senator Rauch said his firm will execute option on a tract owned by W. W. Parrish and the M. L. Thornburg Estate, of approximately seven acres on McGinnis Street, the tract lying immediately adjacent to the city limits.

A 5,000-square foot building will be constructed and the firm will open operations with approximately 25 employees. Roy Barnes Construction Company, of Gastonia, is contractor.

The firm will finish and dye tape, braid and yarn, of fibers, both natural and synthetic, in all colors. Dyeing will include direct, developed, vat, naphthol, and sulphur.

Start of construction is scheduled for February 1.

For nearly a year, Senator Rauch said, a pilot plant has been operated in Bessemer City. Needs for this service by present customers is growing, he added, as is the market in the South.

"We have looked all over the area to find a site with the utilities we need and the people we need," Kings Mountain offered all," he commented.

The firm expects to require about 50,000 gallons of water per day and will use all city utilities.

"I appreciate very much the services rendered by Mayor Moss, Mr. Hinnant and Mr. Harris, as well as other Kings Mountain citizens for their aid in obtaining a plant site and for assuring the availability of utilities. I am delighted to become a part of Kings Mountain," Mr. Rauch said.

In a joint statement, Co-Chairmen Harris and Hinnant said, "We are very pleased that Marshall Rauch has chosen Kings Mountain for the site of his new plant. He is a responsible and imaginative textile manufacturer who will be an asset to the community."

Mr. Rauch has been associated with Pyramid Mills for the past 12 years.

McGill Family To Africa

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth McGill and three children, Kenny, Linda and Jimmy, left Tuesday for Africa, where Dr. and Mrs. McGill will serve as medical missionaries in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The McGills are formerly of Kings Mountain where Dr. McGill was associated with his brother, Dr. John C. McGill, in the practice of medicine.

The Kenneth McGills have lived in Alexandria, Va., the past three months. They spent the Christmas holidays with their parents in Clover, S. C., and Decatur, Ga., and visited the John C. McGill family here.

Mr. Blanton's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for W. Clarence Blanton, 79, were held Sunday at 2 p.m. from Oak Grove Baptist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Blanton, a retired carpenter, died Friday night at 11:15 p.m. following a week's illness. He was the late Mr. and Mrs. Burl William Blanton, he was married to the former Margaret Ellen Lovelace for 59 years.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Wiley Blanton of Kings Mountain and Edmond Blanton of Columbia, S. C.; a daughter, Mrs. Oren White of Charlotte; a foster daughter, Mrs. Fred Weaver of Kings Mountain; two foster sons, John and Leonard Patterson, both of Kings Mountain.

Rev. James Holder, assisted by Rev. C. C. Crow, officiated at the final rites. Interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery.

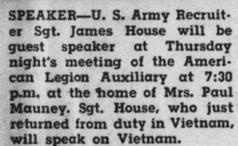
GOP Precinct Meeting January 12

Bethware precinct Republicans will hold a meeting on Friday night, January 12th at 7 p.m. at Bethware school.

Precinct Chairman Bill Babb said all precinct members are asked to attend.

HOSPITALIZED

Mary Beth Ramsey, in medical assistant's training in Atlanta, Ga., has been hospitalized the past week at Kings Mountain hospital. Miss Ramsey is recuperating from flu. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ramsey.



Late Seaman Promoted To E/2

The late Seaman (E-3) Dudley Carroll Hughes, Jr., earned his promotion while serving with the navy in Vietnam.

Military funeral rites for the 21-year-old Kings Mountain native were held Sunday afternoon from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home and Mountain Rest cemetery. The rites were conducted by Rev. Wayne Tuttle, pastor of Antioch Baptist church, assisted by a navy chaplain and members of the Shelby Naval Reserve Unit of which Hughes was a member. Commander of the unit is Glee E. Bridges of Kings Mountain.

Seaman Hughes joined the Naval Reserves 18 months ago. He saw overseas duty nine months, three months in Okinawa and six months in Vietnam. He died December 23 in Vietnam of apparent natural causes, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes were notified.

Hughes was a member of a construction battalion in Quang Tri, South Vietnam.

A graduate of Kings Mountain high school, he was formerly employed by Mass Mo, Inc.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Conrad Hughes; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Biddix; and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Florence Hughes, all of Kings Mountain.

TO GERMANY

Pfc. Allen Myers left Wednesday night by plane to return to duty in Germany. He had spent a 30-day leave with his wife and other relatives.