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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 14,980 population of Number 3 Township, and the remaining 6,134 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Light Vote Predicted In Run-Off Primaries Saturday

Gregory Thomas Dies In Action



WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Billy Myles Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Williams, is recipient of a \$1350 college scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A member of the National Honor Society, Williams, a senior student, will pursue a science career.

Marine Corporal Killed May 21 In Viet Nam

Marine Cpl. Gregory Wayne Thomas, 20, was killed May 21st in an explosion in Vietnam, a few days before he was to return to the United States.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

Son of Mrs. Margaret Ware Thomas of Kings Mountain, he joined the U.S. Marine First Division shortly after graduation from Kings Mountain high school in 1966. He had served in Vietnam 13 months and was reportedly expected to arrive back in the states on June 1.

He was a member of First Baptist church, where military rites will be held.

Other survivors include his father, Wade H. Thomas of Norfolk, Va.; two brothers, Tony Lee Stone and Barry Thomas, both of Kings Mountain; and his grandmother, Mrs. Boyce Ware of Kings Mountain.



CADET LARRY S. FULTON



MARY ANNE MCCURDY BAILEY



LINDA PRUITT FLOYD

Ware New County Democratic Chief

Harmony Theme At Biennial Convention

Cameron Ware, Kings Mountain fruit farmer, was unanimously elected Saturday to succeed J. Clint Newton, Shelby industrialist, as chairman of Cleveland County Democrats.

Other officers are Mrs. Warren Gamble, of Shelby, first vice-president; Tom Palmer, of Polkville, second vice-president; Jim Beason, of Bolling Springs, third vice-president; and Miss Sadie Lutz, of Shelby, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Jim Taylor, president of Cleveland County Women Democrats, and Mrs. Dan Lattimore, president of Cleveland County Young Democrats, are ex-officio officers.

Tenor of the convention was one of harmony between the formerly warring factions for governing candidates Bob Scott and Mel Broughton, and also among candidates opposing each other in Saturday's upcoming Democratic primary, as evidenced in their speeches.

Evidence of the harmony was in election of nominees to district and state committees, most of them balanced between Scott and Broughton supporters.

One contest was for nominee for national convention delegate, with retiring chairman Newton elected over J. Pat Spangler as a delegate to the Chicago national convention. Chairman Ware said it is hoped that Cleveland will be accorded two delegates. If so, Mr. Spangler will be the second.

Nominees for district and state committees are:

10th Congressional district — Pat Spangler and D. W. Royster.

27th Judicial district — Fred Flowers, Jack Palmer and Bob Southwell.

Solicitorial district — Bill Plonk, George Hamrick and Ralph Dixon.

29th Senatorial district — Roy Dedmon.

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Voters To Choose Five County Office Nominees

A light vote is being predicted in Saturday's run-off primaries, both by political observers and the candidates themselves.

Cleveland County Democrats will return to the polls Saturday to determine three nominees for seats on the county commission and two nominees for seats on the county board of education.

Republicans, in a state-wide run-off, will choose between Robert V. Sommers, the leader, and Larry Zimmermann, the challenger, for the GOP nomination for United States Senator. The winner will oppose U.S. Senator Sam Ervin, Democrat, in November.

In the county commission race, fourth-runner Fritz Morehead and Robert Hubbard and J. D. (Doc) Turner, who had run fifth and sixth in the first primary, will vie with incumbents Hugh Dover, Coleman Goforth and Spurgeon Hewitt. No county commission candidate received the majority necessary for nomination via the first primary. Two candidates, William Orr and Roy Dedmon, were eliminated from a possible run-off. The GOP nominee is Paul Vogel.

In the county board of education race, Buford Cline and Bobby Stone, who ran sixth and seventh in the 12-man first primary for five board seats, will be running against fourth and fifth runners Mrs. Mary Lou Barrier and J. D. Ellis the second time around. Three board of education candidates were nominated by majority votes in the first primary — Mrs. Cline Borders, Hoyt Bailey and incumbent Bob Cabiness.

With election day but two days away, the candidates were busy pumping hands this week in an effort to garner votes.

Same election officials will serve on Saturday and polling places are the same.

Polls open — 6:30 a.m.
Polls close — 6:30 p.m.

Polling places in No. 4 Township: Bethware at Bethware school, East Kings Mountain at City Hall courtroom; Grover at Grover Rescue Squad building and West Kings Mountain at the National Guard Armory.

Funeral Conducted For Sam D. Collins

Heart Attack In Anson County Fatal To Veteran

Funeral rites for Samuel David Collins, former city commissioner, were held at 11 a.m. Monday from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Collins, 45, was a city commissioner from 1953-1955.

He was a past commander of the American Legion Post 155, a mason, and was a Boilermaker First Class in the Naval Reserve Unit of Shelby. Members of the Shelby Reserve Unit served as active pallbearers.

County Coroner J. Ollie Harris said Mr. Collins was found dead in his car three miles east of Wadesboro on Highway 74 Saturday morning about 7 a.m. by a truck driver who had seen the Collins vehicle pull to the side of the highway the day before, Friday between 3 and 4 in the afternoon and had noticed the car was still parked Friday evening. The driver said he stopped to investigate on Saturday morning. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

A salesman for Farrel Corporation of Charlotte, he suffered the attack while servicing customers in the Wadesboro area. He formerly owned and operated B. F. Goodrich Company in Kings Mountain.

He was a graduate of Elkin high school.

A native of Elkin, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Collins of Elkin and a member of First Baptist church. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Shelby Naval Reserve Unit.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Jessie Ford Collins; one son, Samuel David Collins, Jr.; one daughter, Denise Collins, both of the home; one brother, Richard Collins of Elkin; and four sisters, Mrs. Ruth Shores of Hileah, Fla., Mrs. Oliver Lawrence of Booneville, Mrs. Robert Kackley of Rockville, Md., and Mrs. Winnie Williams of Pocomoke City, Md.

Rev. Robert Mann officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.



RITE HELD—Funeral rites for Samuel David Collins, 45, were held Monday morning from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

95 More Youths Ask Employment

Ninety-five more young people filed applications Saturday for summer jobs in the second of three interviewing sessions by the Mayor's Youth Service Employment committee.

The third session will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Kings Mountain high school.

Franklin L. Ware, Jr., said of the 95:

- 1) Two want full-time work.
- 2) Five are college students.
- 3) Majority of the other 90 are in the 16-18 age group.

He said job interest covered a wide spectrum, including textiles, retail sales, service station and related businesses, camp work, recreational work and yard work.

He also noted that one firm still has two vacancies for summer work for college students enrolled in engineering or science courses.

A total of 135 youths have applied for work, 123 for summer jobs, 12 for full-time employment.

"These young folk are very enthusiastic. They want to work, they don't talk about summer vacations, and they're ready to start the moment they're free from school schedules," Chairman Ware reported.

Oxford Industries Buy Barwin Firm

Oxford Industries, Inc., based in Atlanta, Ga., purchased on January 15 and is operating Barwin Knitting Mills here as a wholly owned subsidiary.

Julian Lerner, of Charlotte, Oxford's division manager in charge of knitwear, said Wednesday the firm is continuing Barwin's operation, the manufacture of fine-gauge shirts. He added, "However, we expect to expand the operation."

The firm is currently on a one-shift, five-day per week schedule with some overtime.

Plant manager is Jack LaMontia, of Maiden.

Oxford Industries, manufacturers of men's and women's apparel, had a gross of 140 million last year and its stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. It closed Tuesday at \$26.38 per share, pays a current annual dividend of 50 cents per share.

Other Oxford plants in North Carolina are at Gastonia, Creedmor, and Asheville.

Three Receive Their Diplomas

Numerous Kings Mountain area students are receiving degrees from colleges and universities.

Mrs. Linda Pruitt Floyd, wife of Lt. Curtis Floyd and daughter of Mrs. Alma Pruitt, was graduated cum laude with B. S. in English from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. Mrs. Floyd did her practice teaching at Ashley high school in Gastonia. The Floyds and their one-year-old daughter, Jennifer, will be moving June 10th to New Orleans, La., where Lt. Floyd will report for new assignment. He is spending a leave from Vietnam with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Floyd.

Cadet Larry S. Fulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel D. Fulton, Route 1, Grover, will graduate from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point Wednesday, June 5.

Cadet Fulton, who will receive a bachelor of science degree, was appointed to the Military Academy by former Representative Robert W. Hemphill (D-S.C.). He is a 1964 graduate of Blacksburg Centralized high school, Blacksburg, S. C.

While at West Point, the 22-year-old cadet was a member of the Scuba Diving Club, the Mountaineering Club and the Rocket Society, an academic group.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howard received their degrees in May 19th commencement exercises at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee.

Mr. Howard, who graduated cum laude with B. S. in chemistry is recipient of a National Defense Education Act Fellowship for graduate study at Georgia Tech in the fall, and he and his wife, the former Willie Anthony, are moving to Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Howard received her B. S. in psychology and social welfare.

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Deadline Tuesday For Release Bids

Deadline for East Kings Mountain parents to apply for release of their children to the Kings Mountain school district is Tuesday, June 4, Gaston Superintendent-elect William Brown said Wednesday.

He reported that parents of 23 pupils in the West Gaston-City of Kings Mountain area have already filed release requests.

No action will be taken prior to the deadline, he said.

The Gaston board of education indicated on May 20 it would honor release requests from these citizens, whose children have attended Kings Mountain schools historically but only by court order for the past two years.

Cancer Gifts Top \$3,782

Kings Mountain area citizens have contributed \$3,782.97 to the 1968 Cancer Fund Campaign, according to report of Mrs. Charles Adams, chairman.

Mrs. Adams expressed appreciation to all volunteer workers in the effort to raise funds to combat the dread cancer disease.

"We are very pleased with the drive results," said the campaign chairman.

Gas Sales Topping Estimate \$119,118

City natural gas revenues for the year ending June 30 last outstripped estimates made last July according to amended current year budget adopted by the board of commissioners Tuesday night.

Gas system revenues are now estimated for the year at \$541,531 compared to the estimate of \$422,412-up \$119,118.

General budget estimate was also low, but by a comparatively minor percentage. The budget amendment figure is \$1,386,424, up \$23,887 over the \$1,363,537 estimate of last July.

In other actions Tuesday, the board approved annexation of the Cansler street property of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Childers to the city limits and voted to conduct a public hearing on June 25 on a petition by J. Wilson Crawford, agent, for annexation to the city of a two-acre tract on Waco road.

The board adopted the 1968-69 privilege license ordinance, with the license schedules showing no change from the current year schedule.

The board voted to purchase a 12-horsepower mower from Bridges Hardware on low bid of \$1073.26, Phifer Hardware bid \$1087.42 for a similar size mower. Kings Mountain Farm Center bid \$652.46 on a 7-horsepower mower, which Cemetery Superintendent Ken Jenkins said is not of sufficient size for the work required.

Cheshire In Film 'Three In The Attic'

Residents of Kings Mountain will probably spy a familiar face next fall when the American International picture, "Three In The Attic" is released.

UNC student, John A. Cheshire, Jr., has a bit part in the movie which stars Yvette Mimieux and Christopher Jones.

The film, shot in Chapel Hill, depicts a fictitious New England campus.

VFW Vice-Commander Ralph Ross To Speak At Memorial Day Rites

Kings Mountain's fourth annual Memorial Day service will be held Thursday (tonight) at 7 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Garden of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Ralph S. Ross of Mint Hill, senior vice-commander who will become state commander in June of the North Carolina Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars, will make the principal address.

The service is under sponsorship of Kings Mountain posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and the City of Kings Mountain.

Gold Star mothers will be special guests.

Participating in the program will be a male quartet who will sing, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America the Beautiful"; a Shelby Naval Reserve Unit firing squad; snowing groups who will conduct the flag-lowering ceremonies; invocation by Rev. Edwin Criscoe; a solo, "Star Spangled Banner" by B. S.

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SPEAKER — Ralph S. Ross of Mint Hill, incoming state commander of the Department of North Carolina, VFW, will make the address at Memorial Day services Thursday night at Mountain Rest cemetery.

Riley, Mayberry Get Prison Terms; Mrs. Thurman Gantt Free On Bond

Walter Jackson Riley, 36, of Kings Mountain, and Johnny Eugene Mayberry, 24, of Gastonia, Tuesday drew sentences in federal prison for robberies of the Blacksburg State Bank at Grover, S. C.

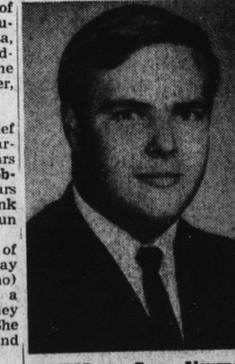
Both entered guilty pleas.

J. Robert Martin, Jr., chief judge of the district of South Carolina, sentenced Riley to 20 years for his part in the February robbery of the bank and to 25 years for his part in robbing the bank Saturday, the sentences to run concurrently.

Meantime, Federal Bureau of Investigation officers Saturday arrested Mrs. Thurman (Gismo) Gantt, of Kings Mountain, on a charge of receiving stolen money from the February robbery. She was taken to Columbia, S. C., and has made bond.

Her husband, Thurman (Gismo) Gantt, co-defendant on the February robbery, plead not guilty on March 4 at federal court in Greenville, S. C., and is free on \$20,000 bond. He awaits trial.

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EDITOR — Reg Alexander Gardner - Webb college sophomore from Kings Mountain, has been elected editor of the student newspaper for the coming year. He is also recipient of a scholarship.

High School Will Graduate 194; Program To Be Conducted By Class

Diplomas will be awarded to 194 graduating seniors at Kings Mountain high school Friday night at 8 o'clock. The finals exercises in John Gamble Memorial Stadium will culminate commencement activities which began on Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon.

Paul Dunn will give the welcome address, "Signals Ahead", after the invocation by John Parker. The Kings Mountain high school choir will sing Randall Thompson's "The Road Not Taken" and Principal James C. Atkinson will present diplomas.

Presentation of the Class of 1968 gift to the school will be made by Paul Gaffney, senior class vice-president, and assistance from the board of education will be George H. Mauney, chairman. Senior class president Dennis Smith will preside and Carolyn Falls will pronounce the benediction.

Two coveted awards will be presented. Fred Paschal, high

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ELECTED — Beverly Willis, rising senior at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, has been elected president of Women's House of Government for the coming year.

Fred Paschal Club Speaker

Fred H. Paschal, guidance counselor at Kings Mountain high school, will be guest speaker at Thursday night's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

Mr. Paschal will terminate his employment with the district system on June 30th to accept a position as director of admissions at Limestone college in Gaffney, S. C.

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