

Population

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 1968, and includes the 14,990 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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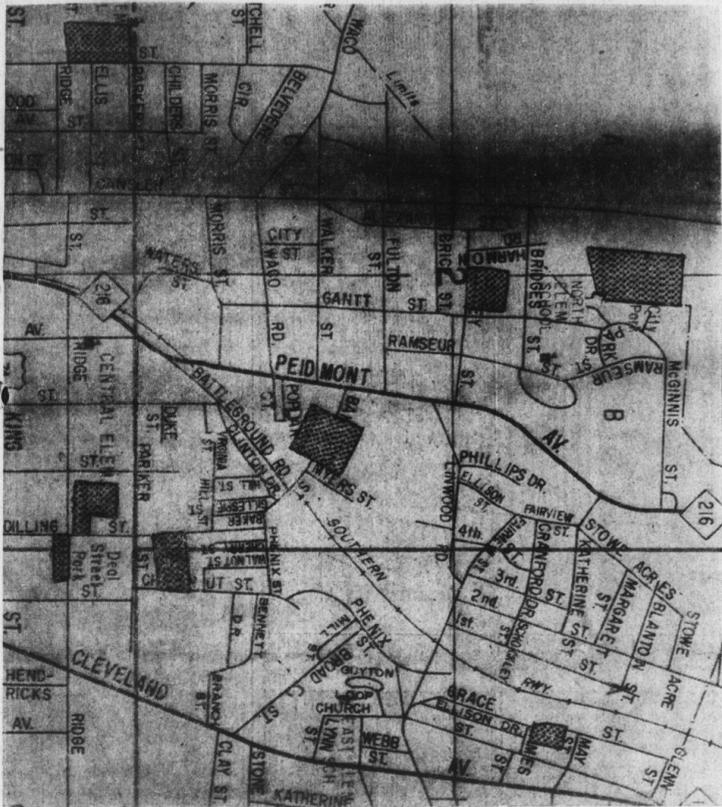
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MAP DETAILS NINE SITES OF HOUSING PROJECT — The Kings Mountain Housing Authority has acquired nine sites consisting of 20.5 acres for the construction of 150 dwelling units to begin in November. Pictured, courtesy of The Cleveland Times at Shelby, is a map of city streets showing the location of the nine sites. The sites are indicated by a dot pattern.

Late November Construction Date For 150 Housing Units

FHA Acquiring 20.29 Acres On Nine Sites

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority has acquired or optioned the real estate it requires to build 150 low-rent housing units and construction should be underway by late November.

Thomas W. Harper, executive director, made the statement last Thursday at a luncheon in which contracts for three federal grant city projects were signed and a general review of other projects of the city was made.

Property acquired or optioned totals 20.29 acres on nine sites through various areas of the city. Total cost is \$47,100 or an average of \$314 per unit.

Mr. Harper said the architects, Tomberlin & Associates of Atlanta, had told him preliminary plans for the housing units would be complete in three weeks.

Final temporary funding approval by the Department of Housing and Urban Development has been indicated for the near future.

Mr. Harper explained that the federal government funds the project until construction is 90 percent complete. At that time, the authority sells bonds in the open market to defray the total cost of the project, amortizing the bonds over a 40 year period from rental income.

The housing units — some individual units, some duplexes — will be available to low-income families on a formula considering the amount of family income and size of family.

Of the 150 units, 30 will be especially designed for the elderly, these to be constructed on two sites on Dilling street and another at the southeast corner of East Ridge and Dilling streets.

Following are the properties Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority will utilize, Chairman John L. McGill said:

- 1) J. Wilson Crawford property, Dilling street, 1.75 acres.
- 2) Property of Plonk, et al, Dilling street, 1.53 acres.
- 3) Williams and Bagwell properties, Lackey street, 3.1 acres.
- 4) W. W. Parrish - Thornburg Estate properties, McGinnis street, 5.8 acres.
- 5) Property of Ollie Harris, Plonk & Plonk, Grace street, .52 acres.
- 6) Lattimore property, north side of Baker street, 1.74 acres.
- 7) Aubrey Mauney property,

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GRADUATE — Pamela Kay Childers will receive her master's degree in commencement exercises this weekend at Appalachian State University.

Two Students To Win Degrees

Two Kings Mountain area students are candidates for degrees from Appalachian State University in summer commencement exercises August 17th on the Boone campus.

Pamela Kay Childers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Childers of Kings Mountain, is a candidate for a master's degree. A Grover student, Barbara Ann Jackson, is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree.

The graduation program will be staged at 10 a.m. in Broome-Kirk Gymnasium. The speaker is to be Hoyt Patrick Taylor of Wadesboro, a candidate for lieutenant-governor of the state.

Band Rehearsals Open On Monday

Pres-school band rehearsals will get underway Monday, announces High School Band Director Donald Deal.

Mr. Deal said the rehearsals will begin two weeks prior to the opening of the fall term of school and will be held Monday through Friday from 6 until 8 p.m. at the high school band room.

The new band director urged all band students to attend the rehearsals and notify their fellow bandmen of the date and time of band sessions.

No News Yet On KM School Plea To OEC

It was still "no news" late Wednesday afternoon concerning decision of the Office of Education's regional office on a Kings Mountain request for a year's moratorium on pairing Park Grade and Compact elementary schools.

Donald Jones, superintendent of Kings Mountain district schools, said he felt optimistic concerning the Kings Mountain board's request — presented in person at the Charlottesville, Va., regional office last Thursday.

"An answer was promised within five days," Mr. Jones said. "Thursday will be the fifth working day."

Confering with the Office of Education officials in Charlottesville besides the superintendent were Chairman George H. Mauney, J. E. Herndon, Jr., Mrs. John L. McGill and Alex Owens, of the Kings Mountain board of education.

The initial request had been denied and the Kings Mountain board ordered to implement the pairing demand within ten days.

Kings Mountain officials contended, with school opening here (Continued on Page Eight)

Hospital Gifts Now \$196,976; Reports Urged

Cash donations and pledges to Kings Mountain Hospital Development Fund reached \$196,976 Tuesday.

The total left about \$29,000 to be raised to attain the amended fund goal of \$225,000.

George H. Houser, chairman, said he feels the new goal will be met.

He said solicitors have not filed reports on 18 prospective donors and urged that these reports be filed as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, the hospital board of directors has authorized the architects, Freeman & White of Charlotte, to proceed with working drawings for the 32-bed addition, also to include a new operating room, renovation of some present facilities, and additional ancillary facilities.

The new two-story east wing is estimated to cost \$850,000.

Funds will come from a \$500,000 county bond issue, prior memorial donations on hand, indicated gifts from charitable foundations, and

development fund campaign.

President George W. Mauney said he would report to the board on the progress of the fund drive.

Meanwhile, the hospital continues to be over-taxed for bed space, with use of the halls for temporary bed space common-places.

Gaston McGills To Meet Sunday

John Henry Moss, mayor of Kings Mountain, will be the principal speaker at the annual reunion of McGills of Gaston Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The reunion will be held at Bethel ARP church about five miles north of Kings Mountain off the Cherryville Road.

Other program features, prior to picnic dinner, will include report of Miss Willie McGill on vital statistics, report of the nominating committee, of which Mrs. J. L. Hallman is chairman, and a devotional.

Martin Harmon is clan president.

Incoming president is Hugh McArver, of Gastonia.

The grounds are being cleared this weekend by a committee including Stokes Wright, William Lawrence Plonk and Marriott Phifer.

Tractor Wreck Fatal To Long

Robert Dale Long, 13, of Council, N. C., was killed instantly on August 2nd near his home about 11 a.m. when a tractor he was driving accidentally overturned.

Funeral services Sunday were conducted at 4 p.m. at Carver's Creek Methodist church, where he was a member. Burial was at Mt. Horeb Presbyterian church nearby.

Son of Marcus T. and Blanche Stevens Long, he was a nephew of Miss Fanny Carpenter, C. Troy Carpenter and Mrs. A. H. Patterson, of Kings Mountain, who attended services. His father was born and raised in Kings Mountain, son of Mrs. Daisy Carpenter Long, of Jacksonville, Fla., and the late Oscar Long.

Also attending from Kings Mountain were Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Mrs. John B. Dilling, Mrs. John B. Plonk, C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and Chuck Carpenter.

Grant For Central Business District Possible This Year



CONTRACTS SIGNED THURSDAY — Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss, right, affixes his signature to one of three contract agreements for \$1.1 million in federal grants to the city Thursday. Contracts were executed for three major programs: the Buffalo Creek Water Project, the neighborhood facility project and the sewer system project. At left is John D. Edmunds, Region III director of urban renewal in the Atlanta office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. City officials and representatives of state, federal and private agencies were present for a contract-signing luncheon at the Country Club.

Application For \$884,000 Boon To Mall

Kings Mountain's proposed downtown mall got a shot in the arm Thursday from two officials of the Department of Housing & Urban Development here for signing of contracts with the city for over \$1 million in federal funds to help finance three major projects.

"If possible," said John D. Edmunds, Region III director on urban renewal, and James R. Patterson, area coordinator for urban renewal in the Carolinas, "the city's application for an \$884,202 grant for improving the central business district may be approved during the current fiscal year."

Approval of the application would rejuvenate the proposed mall project, "dead for the time being," according to Mall President Paul H. McGinnis.

Another encouraging report from the HUD spokesmen is that another \$1.7 million may be available within the next few months for the city's Candler street urban renewal project. In addition to the Candler street urban renewal and central business district projects, the city has an open space application pending for \$123,575 in federal funds and this month plans to submit an application for a \$16,000 grant on a \$25,000 urban beautification project.

The city has underway or in the planning stage projects totaling \$1,804,616. Federal grants received or pending total \$4,973,123, said Mayor John H. Moss at the contract signing luncheon session of city officials, HUD officials, community and city planners, C&D officials, and the city engineer at the Country Club Thursday.

Said the Mayor, "This sounds ambitious, I know, but we have had very capable assistance in planning and it's our belief that the total development of our community calls for action in all aspects of the community."

The mayor pointed out that although the city must make up the difference between the project cost and federal grants, the city's share does not necessarily have to be in a cash contribution.

According to the mayor the city can count toward its share any improvements such as street work, schools, construction, utilities extensions and other improvements. "Any expenditure of local, county or state funds — anything that is not a federal dollar — can be applied toward the city's share."

Three contract agreements signed Thursday included:

1) Grant for the proposed neighborhood facility building totaled \$301,635. The total project will cost \$452,453 with the city contributing the balance. Mayor Moss noted the problem of higher construction bids will be eliminated by going to alternate plans which will bring the costs of the project back into line with original figures counted on for the project. He said this can be done without hurting the long-range plans for the community center.

2) The Kings Mountain Buffalo

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Bank And Theatre Buildings Are Sold

Lublaneski Buys Bank Building; Dixon, Theatre

Ownership of two central business district buildings has changed.

1) George Lublaneski, owner of B&F Restaurant, has purchased the former First Union National Bank building at the corner of Battleground and Mountain.

2) C. T. (Chick) Dixon, operator of Friendly Billiard Parlor, has purchased the former Imperial Theatre building on West Mountain.

Purchase prices were not announced.

Neither new owner was prepared this week to say definitely how they planned to use their new properties.

The former First Union building also includes the building housing the offices of the Western Carolinas League and of the late Dr. J. E. Anthony.

Dr. O. F. Lewis is the lone tenant of the former bank "main" building.

The former Imperial Theatre building occupies a lot 46x110 feet deep. Interior dimensions of the

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First Union Moves To Mend Traffic Jams

First Union National Bank has razed the buildings formerly occupied by Maner Insurance Agency and Bridges Radio and T-V in anticipation of construction of a second drive-in window and expanded parking space for customers.

L. E. (Gosh) Hinnant, vice-president, said architects have not completed plans, but that a drive-in window, with ample passing area between, will be constructed north of the present drive-in window.

"We feel one additional window will be adequate," he said, "but if no, another will be added."

He said completed plans will be required before the additional number of customer parking spaces will be known.

Traffic jams around the bank's circular drive, particularly on weekends, have been the order of the day, virtually since the bank

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Beauty Pageant Plans Underway

Who will be Miss Kings Mountain 1968?

The winner will be crowned when Jaycees sponsor the annual beauty pageant on Saturday night, August 24th, at 8 p.m. in Central school auditorium and plans are well underway for the event.

Six Kings Mountain beauties had entered the contest this week. Other beauty contestants are invited to contact Jaycee Bill Grissom at Ben T. Golaith Plumbing, Fred Foster at First Union National Bank, or Jaycee Jake Dixon at Home Savings & Loan Association in Bessemer City for application information.

Advertising and program information is being handled by Bon Myers who invites local Jaycees to report to him this week program details to be printed in the official pageant book.



PRESIDENT — Charles F. Mauney, general manager of Mauney Hosiery Mills and Carolina Throwing Company, has been installed as president of the Kings Mountain Rotary club for the coming year.

Mayor Appoints Safety Group

Mayor John Henry Moss has appointed a traffic safety committee as authorized at a recent meeting of the city commission.

The committee includes Commissioner W. S. Biddix, chairman, Commissioners Ray Cline and Norman King, and Chief of Police Tom McDevitt, ex officio.

Duty of the committee is to make a study of traffic hazard points or areas within the city and to make recommendations for improvements.

Oakview Baptist Will Observe 30th Birthday Sunday; Gore Will Preach

Oak View Baptist church will note its 30th birthday at Homecoming Day on Sunday.

Rev. E. O. Gore, the church's first minister of three pastors in the 30-year history of the York road church, will deliver the morning message at 11 a.m. Picnic lunch will be spread at the noon hour.

Rev. Curtis Bundy, the church's present pastor, said members, former members and friends of the

congregation are invited to participate in the special events of the day. Second pastor of the church was the late Rev. C. Earl Oxford.

Rev. Mr. Bundy said evangelistic services will begin on Monday and continue through Saturday, August 17th. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Robert Mann as guest minister. Rev. Mr. Mann is pastor of First Baptist church.

School Faculty Near Complete

Two high school faculty members — a mathematics teacher and guidance counselor — will complete the city schools faculty, Superintendent Donald Jones said Wednesday.

However, he added, the board of education also wants the services of two primary teachers who are specialists in reading.

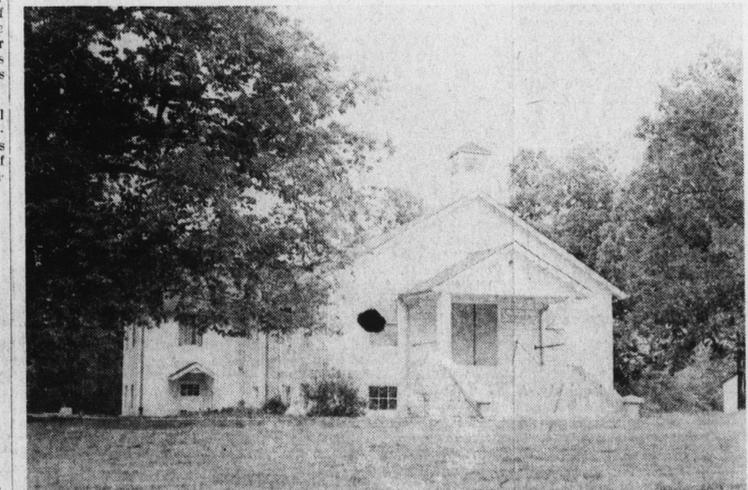
He expressed confidence the positions will be filled.

Mrs. Still Suffers Injuries In Fall

Mrs. G. E. Still, retired East school teacher, is a patient in Room 171 of Gaston Memorial hospital where she is being treated for a broken ankle and shoulder.

Mrs. Still suffered the injuries in a fall on the steps of her home two weeks ago.

Mr. Still remains a patient in the Kings Mountain hospital where he is receiving observation and treatment.



OAK VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH WILL NOTE 30th BIRTHDAY SUNDAY