

# 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 1966, and includes the 14,890 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,134 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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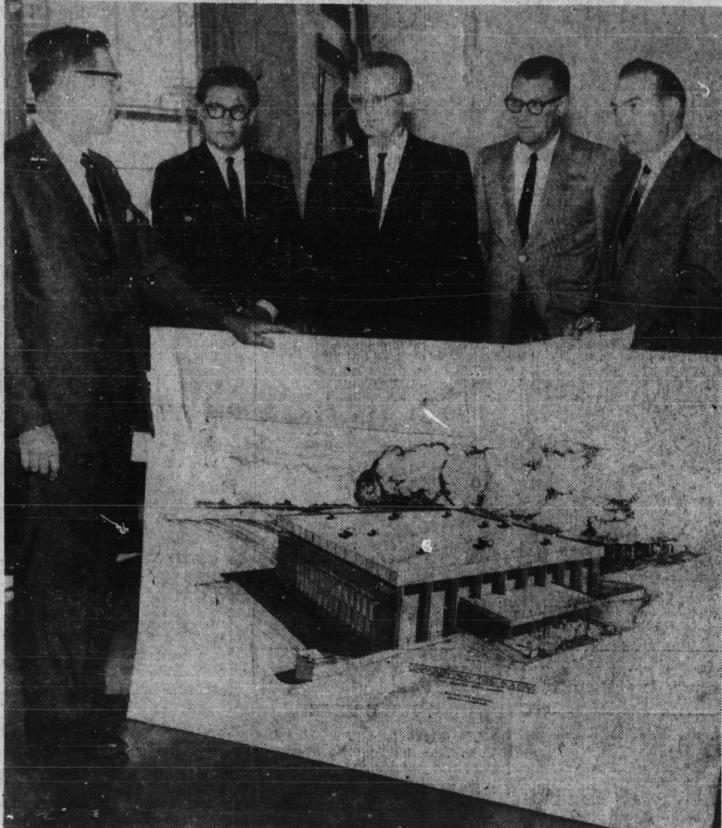
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COMMUNITY FACILITIES BUILDING WORK UNDERWAY — Work got underway Monday on a neighborhood facilities building and officials of the project are pictured above with Mayor John H. Moss. From left to right, Everett Scott, area engineer; Bob Williams of the architectural firm of J. L. Williams & Associates; Alex Teague construction manager; Neil Ervin, Sr., president of Twin City Builders of Newton which holds the general contract; and Mayor Moss. Mr. Scott holds a picture of the proposed construction. (Photo by Paul Lemmons).

## Community Building Project Shapes

### Excavation Is Underway For \$452,000 Facility

Excavation work got underway Monday on the new Community Facilities building for Kings Mountain which will be constructed in the Deal Street park area facing Cleveland Avenue at total cost of \$452,453.

Twin City Builders of Newton is general contractor for the building and Neil Ervin, Sr. has been in the city this week overseeing excavation and preliminary construction plans.

Also in the city this week to get the project underway have been Alex Teague, construction manager; Everett S. Scott, area engineer with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and Bob Williams, architect with J. L. Williams and Associates of Charlotte, who designed the structure.

The building, approved a little over a year ago and for which a federal grant of \$392,680 has been approved, will contain 32,000 square feet of floor space and will be a complete recreational and community center complex.

Advertisements have been placed in today's Herald seeking carpenters and construction workers for the building, which is expected to be completed in one year.

Grant for the community building was approved last August, 1967, under the Neighborhood Facilities program, the federal funds amounting to two-thirds of the overall cost and the city to contribute the remaining one-third. Following the grant, Mayor John Henry Moss, chairman Richard E. Maxey of the city recreation committee, and J. L. Williams & Associates moved immediately to meet federal requirements.

The building will feature an all-purpose gymnasium with seating capacity up to 2,000 and will contain three basketball courts, two for practice and one for exhibition.

There will be dressing rooms, supply rooms, and a handball court. A ticket office will be located at the front entrance.

The two-story building will also contain 14 rooms as facilities for an assembly room, day care quarters, dining rooms, offices and a kitchen. The facility will provide such services as basic adult literacy classes; citizenship classes, project Head Start, day care, employment and counseling services; housing assistance and assistance to the aged; social, recreation and health services; and Community Action Program services.

### Car Hits Truck, Truck Hits House

Property damages were high Sunday night as the result of a one-car crash at the intersection of Fulton and Candler street.

City police charged Daniel D. Welch, 30, of Wichita Falls, Kansas, with improper brakes. Welch said he jumped from his car at 9:15 p.m. when the brakes gave way. His vehicle struck a parked 1965 Chevrolet pickup truck owned by Hayes Tire and Recapping Company and the truck razed the foundation of a house J. Wilson Crawford is constructing on Candler street. Total damages were \$1500 to the house foundation, \$150 to the truck, and \$5 to the bumper of the visitor from Kansas.

Beth Yarbro, three, was treated. (Continued on Page Six)

## HUD, City Officials Meet To Further Proposed Mall

### Consulting Firm Will Be Secured

Tom O'Brien of Region III of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, met with members of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, city officials and the city planner Thursday to aid in furthering a proposed parking and shopping mall in the heart of the city.

Carl F. Mauney, Commission chairman, said this week the next step in realizing the project will be to secure a consulting firm to advise and then establishment of offices and an executive director.

Recently granted federal funds for revitalization of Kings Mountain's central business district may be used to carry through with the proposed mall project, Mauney explains. These funds cannot be used to improve private property in the tract but may be used to purchase private property located in the project area.

HUD has approved planning funds of \$109,470 for the project, and another \$82,000 for implementation of project plans.

Earlier, a private corporation, Kings Mountain Mall, Inc., attempted to create a mall which would include 400 parking spaces and modernization of store entrances fronting the mall but was unsuccessful in the try when it was unable to secure all the tracts involved.

The Redevelopment Commission has the power of condemnation, which the private group did not have.

The area involved in the proposed mall is along Cherokee street and bordered by Piedmont Avenue, Gold Street, Battleground Avenue and Mountain Street.

Applications are being received from planning consultants, Mauney said.

O'Brien met with the local group last Thursday to discuss procedures for getting the project underway.

### Board Hires Six Teachers

The board of education elected six new teachers at the regular meeting Friday, called two days early because one member was to be out-of-town Monday night, regular September meeting date.

The new faculty members include: Mrs. Angela Lackey as an English teacher at the high school; Miss Laura Houser, second grade at West school; Walter F. Powell, of Shelby, interim math teacher at the high school; Mrs. Russell Hinton, who will replace Mr. Powell when the Hinton's locate here later in the month; Mrs. Dee Wood, traveling teacher between Compact and Grover schools; and Robert Macomson for special education.

All teacher vacancies are now filled except for an additional counseling post at the high school.

## Housing Authority Buys 4.5 Acre Site

The Kings Mountain Housing Authority has purchased an additional 4.5-acre tract on North Candler Street for the proposed low-rent housing project, the additional tract boosting the acreage to 25 at a total cost of \$53,100.

The site on North Candler was purchased from N. F. McGill and the C. S. Plonk estate. It is revealed by Tom Harper, executive director of the Housing Authority. Price of the purchase was \$6,000.

Approximately one acre of the new tract will not be suitable for construction, Harper said, since a branch runs through it, but this area may be landscaped and used for playground purposes. Previously 20.5 acres had been

purchased in tracts over town and the Candler Street tract was purchased after the Housing Authority was informed by the architect that some two-story structures would have to be constructed on land already acquired.

Harper explained that the board felt it did not want two-story structures on land already acquired and sought authorization from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to buy additional land in order to spread the units out. There will still be some two-story units, he said, but fewer than originally planned.

The Candler Street tract is on the east side, across from Childers Street.

## Cpl. Thomas To Be Awarded Posthumously

Cpl. Gregory W. Thomas will be honored posthumously in a special ceremony to be conducted tomorrow, Friday, at 10:30 a.m. at Kings Mountain city hall.

Major Richard A. Widows, member of the inspector-instructor staff with the Marine Corps Reserve in Greenville, S. C., will conduct the special ceremony tomorrow when Cpl. Thomas will be awarded the Purple Heart medal, Purple Heart certificate, National Defense Service medal, Vietnam service medal and Vietnamese campaign medal.

The late serviceman's mother, Mrs. Margaret Ware Thomas of 211 West Mountain Street, will receive the posthumous awards.

Cpl. Thomas, 20, was killed in action in Vietnam on May 21, a few days before he was scheduled to return to the States. He joined the U. S. Marine First Division shortly after graduation from Kings Mountain high school in 1966 and had served in Vietnam 13 months prior to his death. He was scheduled to return to the states on June 1.

Funeral rites for the young Marine were conducted June 7 from First Baptist Church of which he was a member and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

In addition to his mother, Cpl. Thomas is survived by 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.



PLAN REVITALIZATION OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT — Three members of the mayor's redevelopment commission are pictured with Thomas F. O'Brien, representative of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, at a planning meeting here Thursday. From left to right, Charles L. Alexander, Chairman Carl F. Mauney, seated, Mr. O'Brien and John Plonk. Members absent were Thomas A. Tate and William M. Herndon. (Paul Lemmons Photo).

## School Lunch Will Cost More

School lunches will cost more effective November 11, the board of education voted Friday.

In the elementary schools and at Central Junior High students will pay an additional five cents, from 30 to 35 cents, and for teachers through the system, lunches will jump from 35 to 40 cents.

Schools Supt. Donald Jones said the increases are necessary because of the higher cost of food and the increase in labor costs. "We will improve our lunches considerably," he said, "while taking care of our employment needs also."

Mr. Jones said a review committee from the Department of Food Services in Raleigh will visit the system in about two months to review the local school food service and to make recommendations for future operations. The school board has discussed the possibility of a dietitian for the system.

ELECTION NIGHT Thursday night is election night at the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and new officers will be elected for the new year.

## Baptist Association Elect Rev. Mann

Rev. Robert C. Mann, pastor of First Baptist church, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association (Cleveland County) Pastor's Conference last week.

Other officers elected were Rev. Joe Sanders, pastor of Second Baptist, Shelby, vice-president; Rev. James Stamey, pastor of Elizabeth Baptist, Shelby, secretary-treasurer; Rev. Harold Threatt, pastor of Putnam Memorial Baptist, chorister; and Rev. Dale Clark, pastor Sandy Plains Baptist, pianist.

Kings Mountain Baptist Association is comprised of 70 churches with a membership of 25,589 people in Cleveland County.

## Lions Match Collections In White Cane Sale

Kings Mountain Lions did not reach their \$500 quota in collections Sunday in their annual White Cane sale for benefit of the blind, but plans are to contribute the full amount, according to Carl Goforth, project chairman.

Members conducted the drive from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday with solicitations at busy intersections over the city. The drive was more successful than they anticipated, although still short of the goal.

Money was being raised in the project to aid the blind, President Bill Plonk reminds, and is an annual effort by Lions clubs over the state. Quotas were set by the state organization with Cleveland County's share to be a total of \$1,500.

The state association for the blind was formed in 1934 by North Carolina Lions clubs and the project has been continued since that time with growing success and aid over the state.

### TO ADDRESS LIONS

Charles B. Hartley of Statesville, Iredell county coordinator for the Wallace campaign, will speak to members of the Kings Mountain Lions Club at their next regular meeting Tuesday, September 24, at 7 p.m. Hartley is a member of the Wallace state headquarters speaking bureau and has been active in Statesville in church and civic affairs.



PRESIDENT — Rev. Robert C. Mann, pastor of First Baptist church, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

## City Files Demurrer In Sisk-City Action

In latest developments concerning a civil action filed with the Clerk of Superior Court by Frank Sisk, doing business as Sisk Funeral Home in Bessemer City, asking \$20,000 damages from the city of Kings Mountain, a demurrer has been filed by the city and will be heard in the September term of Superior Court which will get underway Monday.

The suit grew out of a January, 1963 grave digging in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The suit alleges that the family of Zeb Grigg, who died January 24, 1963, contracted with Sisk Funeral Home for burial and that the body of Grigg was buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, owned and maintained by Kings Mountain, on January 26, 1963. Sisk further alleges that agents of Kings Mountain were to dig the grave and cover it following graveside services.

Also, the suit alleges that the grave was not dug deep enough, that part of the vault containing the casket was exposed to public view, that the proper city

officials were notified and that they refused to correct the situation at that time.

Further, the suit alleges that after a "sitdown" by members of the Grigg family and himself on June 20, 1963, the city raised the vault, opened the casket and exposed the body of Grigg to on-lookers, then redug the grave to a proper depth and buried the vault.

Sisk alleges that later the wife of the deceased, Virginia Grigg, brought civil action against him for \$175,000 and that a jury trial awarded her \$10,000 damages. An appeal to the Appeals Court of North Carolina was later withdrawn and action set for \$5,000, the suit continued. Sisk further alleges that he then had to pay \$5,000 to the widow, \$2,500 in attorney's fees as well as suffering extreme ridicule from the incident.

Filed by Gastonia Attorney F. Pat Cooke, the action is seeking \$10,000 in punitive damage, \$10,000 in compensatory damage, and a reasonable attorney's fee.

## Council Unanimously Approves Controversial Zoning Request

A controversial rezoning request, remanded by the city commission two months ago to the zoning board for their further consideration, was unanimously approved Tuesday night after an hour's second public hearing by the city council.

Twenty petitions on July 23 opposed petitions of Mrs. B. O. Weaver and Mrs. J. M. Rhea for rezoning for neighborhood business their lots at the corner of West Mountain and Wattersson streets.

Tuesday night Realtor B. D. Ratterree again led the opposition, gave the board a petition signed by nine persons, and both he and Mrs. Bob Cox appeared to protest the rezoning bid.

Attorney Robert Bradley, representing the proponents of the motion, presented two petitions signed by 64 adjoining and area property owners stating they have no opposition to the rezoning of the property.

Would-be purchasers of the Weaver-Rhea property were represented by Carl Wiesener, who told the board intended use of the property was for a drug store, without soda fountain, employing a 4,000 square foot building.

Mr. Ratterree reiterated his statement from the initial hearing. (Continued On Page Six)



AT FOURTH AREA MEETING — Mrs. Orangel Jolly left, is hostess chairman for Saturday's Area Four meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at which the Kings Mountain Unit 155 will be hostess unit. At right is Mrs. Tim Craig, Sr. of Charlotte, newly-installed president of the Auxiliary Department of North Carolina who will be recognized at the meeting.



## Legion Auxiliary Hosts Area Meeting

American Legion Post 155 Auxiliary will host over 125 women representing the Fourth Area, Department of North Carolina, here Saturday at the American Legion Hall.

Mrs. C. R. Barbee of Winston Salem, Fourth Area vice-president, will open the meeting at 9 a.m. To be recognized at 10 a.m. will be Mrs. Tim Craig, Sr. of

Charlotte, department president, Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss, American Legion Post 155 Commander Carl Wiesener, State Senator Jack H. White and N. C. Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., both of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. John Henry Moss, president of the local auxiliary, will give the welcome.

Mrs. Orangel Jolly is hostess chairman for Post 155 Auxiliary. Mrs. Jolly, who also serves as local membership chairman, is Fourth Area chairman of community service.

Recognition of Gold Star Mothers, wives, sisters and daughters will also be featured in the program. Special music will be by the Faith Junior Rockets, Mrs. Tommy Stout, director.

District presidents and alternates from the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th districts of the N. C. Department will also be recognized.

Luncheon will be served at 12:30 in the American Legion building and the business session will be resumed after lunch. Coffee will be served by the hostess. (Continued On Page Six)



RECEIVES DEGREE — The Rev. William R. Glasgow received the Master of Divinity Degree on July 19, from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. A graduate of Gardner-Webb College and Appalachian State University, Rev. Glasgow is presently pastor of the Allegheny Baptist Church in Blacksburg, Va. He is married to the former Judy Putnam of Kings Mountain.