

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 14,980 population of Number 1 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder's Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Public Hearing Tuesday On City Limits Extension

Merchants Ready For Yule Buying



CHAIRMAN — Boyce Hanna, president and general manager of Cleveland County Broadcasting and other Hanna group enterprises of Shelby, will head the 1969 March of Dimes campaign in the county.

Hanna To Head Dimes Appeal

Boyce Hanna, president and general manager of Cleveland County Broadcasting and other Hanna group enterprises, will serve as chairman of the 1969 March of Dimes to raise \$7500 to fight birth defects in Cleveland County.

Co-chairmen in Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township are Bennett Masters and Miss Elizabeth Stewart. The local drive will be conducted in January.

Drive leaders were appointed by Charlie Harry of Grover, chairman of the Cleveland County Chapter of the March of Dimes, at a recent meeting of campaign officials in Shelby.

Two new targets in the 1969 research program of the March of Dimes are: crippling rheumatoid arthritis, a disease which affects mainly the young adult, and at present has no known cure, and birth defects, an affliction in all segments of society.

Hanna cited a need to inform citizens that a large portion of the funds go to help local people, as well as to provide hospitals and care centers for those born with serious birth defects.

"Polio was once thought to be a 'hopeless disease,'" continued Hanna. "I urge everyone to look around and see how closely arthritis and birth defects have come to our own homes," he added.

Special projects in the month-long drive will be conducted by civic and service organizations.

VFW To Organize An Auxiliary

Frank B. Glass Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold a meeting Sunday at 2 p.m. for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary.

All eligible for membership in the auxiliary are invited to attend, including wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of service veterans eligible for VFW membership.

Funeral Services Held On Sunday For Former Citizen Ladd Hamrick

Funeral rites for Ladd Watts Hamrick, 71, of Bolling Springs, one-time Kings Mountain city commissioner and superintendent of the old Phenix Plant, were held Sunday afternoon at 4:30 from the home of his son, Harvey Hamrick, in Shelby.

Rev. T. Max Linnens, pastor of Bolling Springs Baptist church, officiated, and interment was in Cleveland Memorial Park, at Shelby.

Mr. Hamrick died Saturday in Cabarrus County hospital. He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Elijah and Georgia Greene Hamrick. His wife was the late Rebecca Riddle Hamrick.

Merchants Open Friday Nights; Inventories Good

Kings Mountain took on a Christmas season appearance this week as retailers put interior and window decorations at the top of the work list.

The business section Christmas lights were turned on for the first time last Friday, day after Thanksgiving, and their appearance added a festive note to the evening.

Meantime, the buying pace as early Christmas shopping began. Merchants reported sales at a brisker pace, a pace expected to quicken from now until Christmas Eve.

Inventories are good and retailers think they're in good shape to handle demands of all customers.

Most merchants have suspended the mid-week holiday on Wednesday and plan to be open six days a week to accommodate Yule shoppers. In addition, most merchants plan to be open until 9 p.m. Friday nights to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

Cleveland Native Has Role In Movie

A Cleveland County native, Mrs. Fairy Hancock Sykes, has the role of Diane Varsi's mother in "Killers Three," which will be shown in Kings Mountain at the Joy Theatre December 16-18.

The movie, filmed in Ramsey this summer, was produced by Dick Clark and stars Clark, Miss Varsi, Robert Walker and a lot of Randolph County folk in the story of a group of bootleggers. "Killers Three" was recently premiered in Greensboro and showed last week in Shelby.

Not only does Mrs. Sykes act in the film, she also wrote one part of it, according to her sister, Mrs. E. L. Nolen of Shelby.

Mrs. Sykes is youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hancock of Cleveland County. She attended Bethpage school here. She moved from the area at age 17 to Asheboro. Mrs. Sykes also wrote the song, "I Went To Your Church Last Sunday."

York Road Low Bid \$691,863

G. C. Tate Construction Company, of Concord, was low bidder among two for the construction work on the York road (NC 161) improvements.

The Tate bid was \$691,863.

E. D. Gayment, of Lincolnton, was second.

The contract letting is scheduled for Friday's meeting of the state highway commission.

The figure was reported by K. E. Mauney, acting 12th division engineer. Mr. Mauney, for many years, was assistant division engineer to the late W. W. Wyke who died suddenly November 21.

Five Wrecks, No Hurts, During Week

Five wrecks here in the past week resulted in no injuries to persons.

Most major in property damage was a collision early Tuesday afternoon at the corner of Sims and West Gold streets involving cars driven by Dr. George Plonk and Paul Hector Roberts. Roberts driving a Burton cab, was traveling east on Gold, Plonk north on Sims. Roberts said Dr. Plonk stopped then proceeded into his path. Dr. Plonk said he failed to see the Roberts car. Police wreck report listed damage to the Plonk car at \$1000, to the cab at \$300.

Early Monday night cars driven by Jerry Wayne Crocker, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Allen Wayne Manns, of Dallas, collided at the intersection of East Ridge and Cleveland avenue. The police report quotes Manns as saying he failed to see the stop sign, as he was traveling west on Ridge. Damage to the autos was listed at \$125 each.

Sunday night cars driven by Randolph Vernon King, of Rock Hill, S. C., and Martha Patricia Blanton, 811 Ramseur Street, York Road and East Gold. The Blanton car struck the King car as King attempted a right turn. Damage to the King car was listed at \$75 and to the Blanton vehicle at \$30.

Early Sunday afternoon cars of Ted Franklin Ford, 301 Fairview street, and Douglas Roland Eaves, 305 N. Gaston street, clashed. Police reported Eaves was stopped on Linwood road to make a left turn into Church when his car was struck by the rear of Ford's Rambler.

Early Saturday morning cars of Ronnie Lee Stroupe, Route 2, and Bobby Perkins, route 1, collided as Perkins was turning into East King street into York Road. Damage to the Stroupe car was listed at \$200, to the Perkins car, none.

County Sells Hospital Bonds

Kings Mountain hospital bonds amounting to \$500,000 were sold in Raleigh Tuesday by the Local Government Commission and North Carolina National Bank of Charlotte was low bidder.

Interest cost on the bonds were 4.3166 per cent. First bonds reach maturity January 1, 1969, with the final bonds reaching maturity June 1, 1986, said County Auditor Max Hammick.

The interested community is invited to attend the service, said Rev. James M. Wilder, pastor, in announcing the special program.

Carl F. Smith's Father Succumbs

Funeral rites for Floyd F. Smith, 59, father of Carl F. Smith, of Kings Mountain, were held Friday in Wayne, West Virginia.

Mr. Smith died November 26 at the Veterans Administration hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. He had been ill a year.

Surviving, in addition to his son here, are his wife, three other sons, Davey Smith, New Orleans, La.; J. W. Smith, Manassas, Va.; and Freddie Smith, Wayne, W. Va.; a daughter Mrs. Ann Pierson, Melton, W. Va.; and 12 grandchildren.

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North School P-TA Benefit Is Sunday

North School Parent-Teacher Association will serve turkey with all the trimmings Sunday from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at North school cafeteria.

Plates are 75 cents for children and \$1.50 for adults. Take-out orders are also available, a spokesman said.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit P-TA sponsored projects throughout the year. Mrs. W. L. Mauney, P-TA president, said.

City Scouts Honor Scoutmaster Falls

Reid Strickland Is Awarded Eagle Rank

Otis Falls, Jr., for 20 years a Kings Mountain scoutmaster, was recognized "for outstanding service to boy scouting" by more than 100 local Scouts and Scouters from five local troops Tuesday night.

The occasion was first city-wide meeting of Boy Scout Troops 99, 91, 92, 93, and 404.

The walkway to City Hall courtroom, where the program was held, was lined with the 12 points of the Boy Scout Laws:

trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent outlined on slabs of boards with lighted bonfires before each. Scouts from First Baptist church Troop 92, of which Ken Pruitt is scoutmaster, made the arrangements for the program and were in charge of the setting and varsoo burning in tins cans along the walkway which effectively stressed the Scout Laws.

Matt Pouchak, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 91, opened the meeting and led group singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." As the flag was spotlighted at the front of the courtroom, the uniformed Scouts stood to pledge allegiance to the flag.

The program will include the French carol, "He Is Born"; "Four Little Lambs" by Graham; "Jesu, Jesu, Slumber Now" by Young; "Lullaby," Italian folk melody; "Little Lord Jesus" by Wilson; "African Noel," Liberian Folk Song; and "Kevin's Carol" by Faircloth.

Members of the choir are Brad Austin, Chuck Austin, Vickie Beheler, Stanley Bridges, Joy Bridges, Janet Bridges, Terri Cash, Sheila Dixon, Keith Franklin, Bobby Cox, Steve Hicks, Marion Hord, Nancy Hord, Elaine Hullender, Cynthia Johnson, Glenn Roberts, Douglas Stoll, Kenny Stoll, Jane Tate, Tommy Tate, Greg Tindall, Harriet Willis, Margaret Owens, Ronnie Morrison and Michael Smith.

A highlight of the program was an Indian Lore presentation by Frank Humphreys, Adrian Beam and Billy Talbert, all of Troop 92. Dressed in Indian costumes, they delighted the audience with colorful Indian dances.

A city-wide Boy Scout Band was organized and first meeting was slated for Saturday morning at 10 at City Hall. Plans for improvements to Camp Davidson were discussed and it was announced that Elmer Lumber Company had donated the redwood for a directional sign to the campsite.

Upcoming plans for Scout Week in February were made and the young people applauded plans for a city-wide parade.

Scoutmaster Otis Falls, Jr., presented the Eagle Scout badge, Scouting's highest award, to a member of his troop, Reid Strickland. Scouts gave Strickland a standing ovation.

Scoutmaster closed the program with the Scout benediction.

Scouting is available to any boy between the ages of 11 and 17 and a varied program of activities is planned by the several troops in town.

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The Kings Mountain Jaycees are requesting nominations for the Outstanding Young Man of 1968 who will be presented their Distinguished Service Award on January 21, 1969. This award is presented annually by the local Jaycees to a young man, nominated by the community, who has made contributions to the Kings Mountain area.

All nominations must be made in writing and submitted to the Jaycees prior to January 1, 1969. Any young man of the community is eligible provided that he be between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive and will not have reached his 36th birthday before January 1, 1969. Nominations should be mailed to "D.S.A. Nominee," P. O. Box 303, Kings Mountain.

The Outstanding Young Man of 1968 will be decided by a panel of local non-Jaycees and their decision will be announced at the D.S.A. Banquet on January 21.

Kings Mountain ministers will ring bells in the business district for the annual Empty Stocking Fund for the area needy. The Empty Stocking Fund, which is also included this year in the United Fund, benefits the needy year-round. A Empty Stocking booth in the business district will be manned by a local minister during the month of December.

Kings Mountain Junior Women's Club voted a \$25 contribution to the Empty Stocking Fund at their Monday night meeting.

Toys For Tots, Empty Stocking Fund To Brighten Christmas Here

Kings Mountain's spirit of giving is transcending the familiar purchases for family and friends.

Again this year Kings Mountain civic groups and churches will make Christmas more merry and bright for the indigent.

The Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct the annual Toys for Tots project with Bill Grissom and Larry Smith as chairmen. Headquarters for the charity project is the vacant lot across from the Woman's club on East Mountain street. Citizens with good used toys to donate should deliver the toys to the lot each night, beginning Thursday, from 6 until 9 p.m. Jaycees will be on duty to receive them at a booth there, will repair the toys and store them until Christmas Eve at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

The award winner from Kings Mountain will be entered in the North Carolina state contest. The state winner will then be entered in the national competition, which annually chooses America's Ten Outstanding Young Men.

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Five More Ask For Inclusion In City Limits

By MARTIN HARMON

Major items of business at Tuesday night's 6:30 p.m. regular December meeting of the city commission will be public hearings on extension of the city limits.

The projected extension to the southwest of about 425 acres would be the largest extension since 1923.

The other is a nine-acre extension to the northwest intersection of NC 161 and Interstate 85.

The southwest annexation area listed initially 20 exceptions or omitted "islands" not petitioned, including 19 property owners.

Since the public hearing was ordered, five property owners in the area have petitioned for inclusion.

The added petitioners are Henry P. Neisler, George B. Thomas, Bobby M. Bridges (now owner of the former McDaniel property) W. T. Gregory and Harold L. Hord. (Mr. Hord, however, petitioned conditionally — asking guarantee his residence would be connected to the city sewage by March 1969.)

Adoption of the annexation ordinance would add approximately 500 persons to Kings Mountain's population (8256 at the January 1966 special census by the U. S. Bureau of the Census).

The southern annexation at York Road and Interstate 85 was petitioned to accommodate with city utilities a company projecting a 288-unit motel, with 76 units to be built immediately.

This annexation will also include the Gulf service station fronting on York Road.

Another item of business Tuesday will be receipt of bids for curb and gutter on Fairview Street.

KMHS Choir At First Baptist