

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
 City Limits (1966 Census) 8,256
 City Limits (Estimate 1968) 9,300

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, 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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Kings Mountain Grows Overnight; Limits Extended

Concept Furniture Building Underway At Archdale

Nine Excepted Citizens, VFW Seek Inclusion

By MARTIN HARMON
 Kings Mountain is larger by approximately 431 acres and an estimated 500 citizens as a result of approval by the city board of commissioners Tuesday night of petitions of citizens for inclusion in the city limits.
 Today's estimated population is 9300, up 1046. (See population dog ear.)
 Meantime, the commission ordered public hearing on ten more petitions for inclusion, nine of them previously exceptions in the large 425-acre southwest area.

FIRST SERVICE

New southwest area Kings Mountain citizens may not have noticed but new citizens were getting their first city service Wednesday morning, as police extended their patrolling areas. Sgt. Earl Stroupe, Jr. was observed driving toward the high school on Phifer Road.

the tenth — from Frank B. Glass Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars — an addition to the city limits to the roadway under way on both sides of the old Grover-Kings Mountain highway.

The nine property owners currently exceptions in the southwest area who ask inclusion are Paul K. Falls, Henry P. Neisler, Bobby M. Bridges, W. T. Gregory, Winfred R. Walker, George B. Thomason, Vernice F. Saiz, Mrs. John Howell, and Harold L. Hord. (Mr. Hord's initial petition had been conditioned on sewage service by next March. Informed the board could not accept the time limit, Mr. Hord withdrew the condition.) Remaining unpetitioned exceptions or "islands" in the annexed area are ten properties owned by nine persons.

The public hearing is set for December 27.

The other city limits extension action concerned the two-plus acres on York Road at Interstate 85 and includes the Gulf Service Station and seven-acre adjacent property which is to be developed for a modern motel property.

A large crowd, estimated at 80 persons, attended the Tuesday night hearing.

No opposition was voiced to either annexation.
 Several citizens, majority of whom live within the city limits, (Continued On Page Six)

City, Railway Confer Thursday

City and Southern Railway officials will confer Thursday morning on grade-crossing safety, railroad right-of-way beautification, and business district parking improvements on railroad right-of-way.

E. K. Ratliff, of Greenville, S. C., Piedmont division engineer, will head a group of Southern officials.

Mayor John Henry Moss said he had invited members of the city redevelopment commission, city planning board, and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants association to attend the 10 a.m. conference.

Engineering plans for the parking improvements include 52 paved spaces, ten across the street from Ted Gamble's service station and 42 from the Gold street crossing south on Battleground to the Mauney Mill crossing.

Howard Top Scholar; Ashe Most Improved

Halfback Wayne Mullinax is the winner of the coveted George Plunk award as the most valuable player on the 1968 Kings Mountain High School football team.

The presentation was made Tuesday night at the annual Lions Club football banquet honoring the Mountaineers and their coaching staff.

Guest speaker for the event was Bill Dooley, head football coach at the University of North Carolina.

Mullinax follows in the footsteps as such stars as Mike Huffstickler, Richard Gold, Danny Kiser and Bert Smith as the most valuable Mountaineer.

The 150-pounder was a three-year varsity starter at KMHS, and was the team's leading rusher in both his sophomore and senior seasons. He played quarterback his junior year.

This past season Mullinax rushed for almost 700 yards, caught passes totaling nearly 200, and threw passes for another 100 yards, giving him a total offense of nearly 1000 yards.

He was the third leading scorer in the Southwestern Conference with 13 touchdowns and 78 points. He was also a defensive leader for the Mountaineers. (Continued on Page Three)

Hunter Allen Hanging Up Spikes, Joined City As Lineman In 1931

By ELIZABETH STEWART

David Hunter Allen doesn't appear old enough to retire.

But he says he is. He says he's 66. Kings Mountain's veteran electrical superintendent of 37 years submitted his resignation, effective Dec. 31, to the city board of commissioners Tuesday night.

He said he had contemplated retirement a year or two but would continue as long as needed in an advisory capacity to his successor.

The city commission accepted the resignation "with regret and appreciation to Mr. Allen for his loyal service."
 Hunter Allen came to Kings Mountain from his hometown of



TROPHY WINNERS — Pictured above are members of the 1968 Kings Mountain High football team who received trophies at Tuesday night's Lions Club grid banquet. Left to right are quarterback Geoper Howard, John Gamble Scholastic Award winner; halfback Wayne Mullinax, George Plunk Most Valuable Player, All-Southwest Conference and All-Cleveland County; Clarence Ashe, Most Improved Player and All-Cleveland County; Stanley Brown, Fred Plunk Blocking Trophy. Second from right is North Carolina Coach Bill Dooley, who was guest speaker and at extreme right is KMHS Coach and Athletic Director Bill Bates. (Photo by Isaac Alexander.)

President Says Employment Will Be 100

By MARTIN HARMON
 Concept Furniture Corporation, a newly-formed North Carolina firm, has under construction at Archdale a 35,000 square foot building which will be utilized for manufacture of upholstered furniture.

Lon L. Miller, Jr., a Texas native now from Salisbury and president of the firm, unveiled plans of his company at a press conference Wednesday morning at City Hall.

Items:
 1) The firm will employ initially 100 persons, already is training workmen in the furniture trade and will begin interviewing potential employees Monday in the upstairs office at First Union National Bank.

2) The firm expects to employ exclusively from the Kings Mountain area, with the exception of the plant manager, Wayne Farrington, of High Point, who will arrive here this weekend.

3) The brick-steel building under way will have two temporary walls for easy expansion to a projected potential of 180,000 square feet on the 30-acre site and with potential employment of from 500 to 600 persons.

4) The building will be completely air-conditioned and the production operation will be fully mechanized.

5) Secretary-treasurer is Stanley Corne, a Catawba County attorney. Directors who will be active in the business are Martin Stewart, of Myrtle Beach, S. C., and Jim Groome, of High Point.

6) The firm will make upholstered sofas and chairs in the medium price range.

7) Initial investment is \$250,000.

President Miller said he and his family will move to Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain was chosen, he said, because of the helpfulness of "the Mayor and his industry." (Continued On Page Six)

Christmas Herald To Appear Early

The Christmas week issue of the Herald will appear early. It will be printed on Sunday, December 22, appear on newsstands that evening and be distributed under date of Monday, December 23.

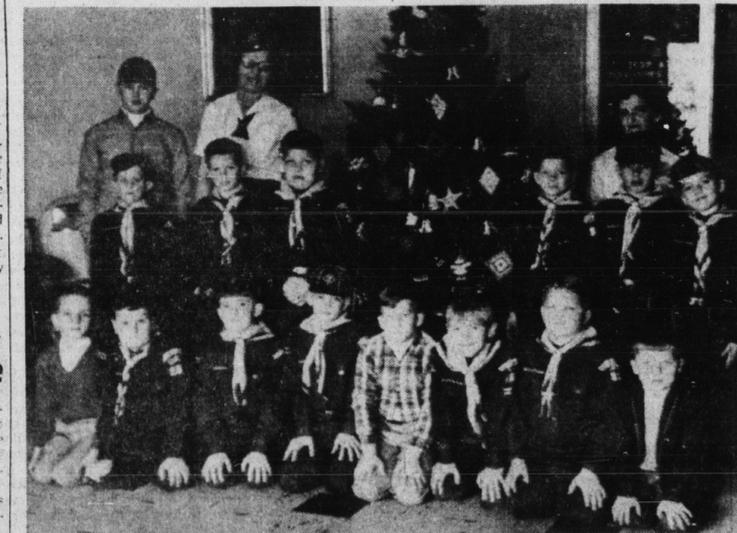
Advertising deadline for the edition will be Saturday, December 22, at 4 p.m. News deadline will be the following day at 2 p.m. Picture deadline will be Thursday, December 19.

KM Baptist Choirs To Sing Cantata Sunday

The combined choirs of Kings Mountain Baptist Church will present a Christmas Cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night" with the text by Herman Von Berge and the music by Fred B. Holton, at the regular vesper hour service at 5:30 in the afternoon on Sunday, December 15.

The Junior Choir will join the youth and church choirs for two of the chorus numbers.

Soprano soloists will be Mrs. E. G. Franklin and Mrs. Bill Crawford. Alto soloist will be Mrs. Marion Dixon. Baritone soloist will be Gene Austin. (Continued On Page Six)



CUBS TRIM CHRISTMAS TREE — Cub Scouts of Pack 98, Den 1, of Boyce Memorial ARP church made tiny stars, drums, clowns, and Christmas balls as a project recently to decorate the traditional green Christmas tree in the lobby of Kings Mountain hospital. The tree was donated by the Magnolia Garden club and the Cubs were also given decoration from the Town and Country Garden club and circles of First Baptist church. All members of the troop and their leaders met at the hospital Monday to trim the tree. Front row, from left to right, Mark Laughter, Rick McDaniel, Allen Tate, Tim Greene, Jimmy Pruitt, Chris Holmes, John Masters and Chip McGill. Second row, from left, James Payseur, Tommy Burke, Tracy Cooke, Jimmy Turner, Steven Laughter, and Trip McGill. Back row, from left to right, Billy Talbert, Den Chief, Mrs. Bill Laughter and Mrs. N. F. McGill, Jr., Den Mothers. (Photo by Isaac Alexander.)

Mayor Asks 1000 Residences Within Next Three Years

Industry Growth Is Outrunning Housing Starts

One thousand new homes in Kings Mountain within the next three years!

That's the goal Mayor John Henry Moss set Tuesday night, noting that Kings Mountain's fast industrial growth is outrunning the availability of housing.

The mayor said that before January 1 he plans to meet with Kings Mountain builders and representatives of financial institutions to request their cooperation toward reaching the goal.

Mayor Moss was reviewing progress on the new water and sewer projects under way and the continuing industrial growth of the area and added that he believes "all this will open the door of opportunity for all Kings Mountain citizens."

The mayor pointed to a survey report that 27 percent of the city's work force travels elsewhere for jobs. He proposed the city's Employment committee and job training programs of industries and Cleveland Technical Institute be enlisted in the task of training and re-training workers so "that every able bodied person in Kings Mountain can find a job right here in his own city."

He asked for continued support from citizens and pledged efforts of Moss Administration in trying to attain the goal.

The mayor also thanked the (Continued On Page Six)



IN HONOR SOCIETY — Miss Carol Jean Goter has been initiated by Iota Sigma Pi, national honor society for women in chemistry.

Honor Society Taps Miss Goter

Miss Carol Jean Goter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Goter of Kings Mountain, has been initiated by Chlorine Chapter of Iota Sigma Pi, national honor society for women in chemistry.

The initiation services were held Sunday on the campus of Louisiana State University where Miss Goter is a part-time graduate student in bio-chemistry and a visiting associate in chemistry.

Miss Goter graduated two years ago from Duke University with B.S. in chemistry.

Broyhill To Oppose Seating Powell, Hopes Democrats To Be Responsible

By MARTIN HARMON
 United States Representative Jim Broyhill, of the ninth North Carolina district and Congressman-elect from the tenth, will not vote to seat Adam Clayton Powell, again Representative-elect from his New York city district.

Mr. Broyhill, the Lenoir Republican who will be serving his fourth term, declared his position while greeting callers here Wednesday morning at the office of Postmaster Charles Alexander.

He declined to predict whether Powell, not seated in the previous session when under a cloud of charges after investigation by a House committee, would be seated. Mr. Broyhill pointed out that,

regardless of the attorney-general's decision not to prosecute Powell on criminal charges, "the performance of Powell is on the record of the Congressional hearing."

Powell, a Harlem preacher, is ex-chairman of the House education and labor committee.

What would be Powell's seniority, if he is seated?

Mr. Broyhill noted that Powell is a Democrat and that each party sets its own seniority rules. Generally prevailing on both sides of the aisle is a policy whereby former members returning after an absence out-rank those arriving for the first time. He said one former member of (Continued On Page Six)