

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
 City Limits (1966 Census) 8,256
 City Limits (Estimate 1968) 9300

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,950 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,154 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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All Five City Commissioners File For Re-Election

Kings Mountain Got 15-Inch Snow



SNOW SPORTS OF SNOWBALLING AND SCULPTURE — Young folk in town enjoyed last weekend's winter wonderland. In the top photo a group of King Street-Goforth street neighbors play around an eight-foot tall snowman in the yard of the Fred Thornburg residence. The snowman was sculpted by Monty Thornburg and his sister, Debbie, a member of the Herald staff, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thornburg. From left to right, Hillary Pouchak, Kevin Alexander, Monty Thornburg and Jason Pouchak. In the bottom photograph Kevin Alexander, left, son of Photographer Isaac Alexander and Mrs. Alexander, sits beside Monty Thornburg in the door of Monty's igloo. The igloo is the work of Monty and his father. (Herald Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Area Citizens Digging Out After Snow

It snowed. King Winter dumped one of his biggest surprises on the Piedmont Carolinas during the weekend and Kings Mountain area citizens were still digging out on Wednesday.

Cleveland County residents experienced their deepest snowfall since 1902, as an official 15 inches of the white stuff was recorded. It played havoc with the roads, the schedules of all citizens, closed county offices and all schools through yesterday, and some firms and industrial plants didn't operate.

City police reported all streets were passable and a spokesman for the state highway patrol said all secondary roads were passable. No major wrecks had been reported but some motorists were stranded.

Kings Mountain had no power failures as did both Richmond and Scotland Counties when a massive ice storm left trees and power lines sprawling across streets and highways. Widespread black-out conditions there left more than 1,000 families without heat and food.

More rain or snow, however, is possible over the weekend, forecasters say.

The storm started Saturday, lashed the South Carolina coast with rains and winds up to 50 miles per hour. The rain turned to snow in the Piedmont and mountains. Charlotte got 12.3 inches in the 24-hour period ending at 6 p.m. Sunday.

A team of city employees have worked around the clock to clean the streets. Garbage collection pick-up started yesterday at 1 p.m. and City Public Works Supt. Grady Yelton asks citizens to deposit their garbage on the curb in front of their residences. He said all garbage would be picked up through Saturday noon.

Mayor John Henry Moss expressed appreciation to city employees for their tireless efforts in the snow clean-up operation and to citizens for their cooperation.

Lenten Series Is Beginning

Lenten services are underway on Sundays and Wednesdays at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. Rev. Charles W. Easley, pastor, will begin a series of sermons on the topic, "The Life and Ministry of Jesus", at Sunday morning worship services at 11. His sermon for Sunday morning will be "Jesus Forgave Sins." Other sermon topics for Sunday are: March 2—"Jesus Associated With Undesirable People"; March 9—"Jesus Broke the Law"; March 16—"Jesus Often Prayed"; March 23—"Jesus Suffered Death"; and March 30th, "Jesus Went to the Holy City."

For Wednesday services the minister is preaching on the theme, "Ancient Prophets With Renewed Voices." At Wednesday night's service he used the theme, "The Outreach Fellowship." Other subjects are: February 26—"An Old Trouble Maker"; March 5th, "The Southern Agitator Who Went North"; March 12th, "The Nameless Prophet of Good News"; March 19th, "The Sufferer Who Passed Through the Shades" and March 26, "The Reluctant Resurrected Prophet."

FFA Week Is Underway

Kings Mountain high school Future Farmers are participating in FFA Week, a nation-wide observance, February 15-22. Special programs at the high school call attention to the local observance, said M. L. Campbell, local agriculture teacher. Citizens are invited to visit the agriculture department at the high school to see first-hand what "future farmers are doing," said Campbell.

Optimists Name KM Top Teens



DONALD FLOWERS

Don Flowers Wins Promotion

W. D. Flowers has been named Sales Manager for the Marketing Department of Southern Bell Telephone Company in Gastonia. Announcement was made today by J. E. Iversen, District Sales Manager for Southern Bell's Gastonia District.

Flowers began his work with the telephone company as a Yellow Page Salesman in 1957. Prior to his promotion to Sales Manager, Flowers served as a Communications Advisor in the Marketing Department.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Flowers, he is a native of Kings Mountain and attended public school there, graduating from Kings Mountain high school. He served in the U. S. Army, with a tour of duty in England.

Married to the former Martha Jane Putnam, the Flowers reside at Route 2, Cherryville. They have three children, William Donald, Jr., ten; Laura Catherine, six; and Thomas Putnam, four.

Flowers is a member of the First Baptist church, Cherryville. He is past president of the Cherryville Jaycees. He served three years on the Cherryville Country Club Board of Directors. He is presently a member of the Cherryville Lodge No. 505 A.F. & A.M.; member of the Charlotte Lodge of Perfection 14th Degree Scottish Rite; member American Legion Post 100, Cherryville; member of the Cherryville Council.

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Nancy Reynolds, Mike McDaniel Are Runners-Up

Linda Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pearson, and Douglas Sessoms, son of Mrs. Betty Sessoms, are Kings Mountain's Top Teenagers of 1968.

The Kings Mountain Optimist club made the trophy presentations Friday at Kings Mountain high school where Miss Pearson and Mr. Sessoms are senior students. Each of the winners also received a savings bond.

Runners-up for the awards were Nancy Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Reynolds, and Mike McDaniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McDaniel. Each of the runners-up received \$10.

A spokesman for the local club explaining the delay in announcing the winners said that since no deadline was named for the judging and another committee was named because of a tie, it took several weeks to await the opportunity for the assembly program at the high school.

All of these top teenagers were named for their scholastic standing, for participation in school, community, and church activities. All have been outstanding among all the youth of our community, whom they represent.

Last years Top Teeners Jane Yates and Timmy Webster also received special recognition.

Other nominees from KMHS were Gail Bennett, Mike Dyke, Lynda Falls, Jeff Hedden, Meredith McGill, Norma Morrison, Gilbert Patrick, Vickie Jean Turner, and Grafton Withers.

Nominees from Central Junior High School were Steve Allen, Lynn Blanton, Ken Culberson, Ann Hambright, Bob Mercer, Laura Plonk, Tommy Shirley, and Frank Stokes.

All nominees received an attractive certificate for upholding the dignity of youth, for a sincere devotion to the welfare and for generous and selfless contributions to society.

R. W. Hurlbut, Lt. Governor of Optimist International, made the presentation on behalf of the local Optimist Club, and in the absence of the local chairman, Rev. T. Frank Shirley.

DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer is Friday, February 21st. Area churches will participate in the observance by having churches open for prayer and meditation.

Heart Sunday Is This Sunday; Jaycees To Man Roadblock Here

Heart Sunday this Sunday will culminate the month-long Heart Fund Month in Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township.

Mrs. Henry Neisler, Heart Sunday chairman, said a roadblock for benefit of the 1969 Heart Fund will be conducted Sunday on U. S. 74 west at the overhead bridge by Kings Mountain Jaycees under the leadership of Bill Grissom. The drive will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. and Jaycees will provide hot coffee free of charge to motorists.

A house-to-house canvass for benefit of the Heart Fund will also be conducted throughout the city with Mrs. John H. Gamble as overall chairman. Mrs. Gamble said all volunteers are encouraged to complete the drive solicitation Sunday and to report the Sunday collections to Mrs. Neisler. Because of bad weather conditions this week Mrs. Neisler said she had been unable to distribute workpackets for volunteers but encouraged workers to conduct the solicitation effort on Sunday and make their reports Sunday.



COUNTY MANAGER — George Newman, former executive director of Cleveland County Community Action, has assumed duties as Cleveland County Manager.



COMMISSIONER RAY CLINE
Ward 1



COMMISSIONER T. J. ELLISON
Ward 3



COMMISSIONER NORMAN KING
Ward 4



COMMISSIONER W. S. BIDDIX
Ward 2

Full Slate Of Incumbents First To File

First candidates in the 1969 municipal election in this spring's political season are candidates to succeed themselves.

Filing of candidacies for city office Wednesday produced a full slate of incumbent city commissioners seeking re-election. They are:

Ray Cline, Ward 1 Commissioner.

W. S. Biddix, Ward 2 Commissioner.

T. J. Ellison, Ward 3 Commissioner.

Norman King, Ward 4 Commissioner.

Mrs. O. Q. Walker, Ward 5 Commissioner.

The five candidates paid filing fees of \$5 at City Hall Wednesday morning.

As of noon Wednesday there were no other formal filings or announced candidacies.

There was every indication that remaining member of the Moss Administration II, Mayor John Henry Moss, would be a candidate to succeed himself.

And the rumor mill was grinding out the name of Jim Dickey, Margaret textile executive as a possible candidate for Ward 6 Commissioner in the newly-annexed area. City Attorney Jack White, on request of the city board, is checking in Raleigh with regards to a possible sixth ward, registration and election procedures, etc.

The business of franchising citizens of the southwest area recently annexed to the city is imminent and there is some thinking expressed among commissioners that a new ward should be created in the area.

It is presumed such action would require an act of the General Assembly.

City voters will choose a mayor and a commission while school district voters will choose two members of the board of education.

Commissioner Ellison was first elected to the board in 1947 and is completing his eighth term since his first election. He is trustee board chairman of Grace Methodist church, and a Mason. A native of Union, S. C., he has lived here 48 years. Mrs. Ellison is the former Roberta Ballard. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Commissioner King was first elected to the board in 1963 and is completing his third term. He is a Southern Bell Telephone Company executive, active in Highland Baptist church in Shelby where he is music director. He is also a member of the Order of Eastern Star and a Kiwanian. He is married to the former Ruth Ware and they are parents of four children.

Commissioner Cline was first elected to the board in 1961 and is completing his fourth term. He is a former district commander of the American Legion, a Navy veteran of World War II. A Mauney Hosiery Mills overseer, he is active in St. Matthew's Lutheran church. He is married to the former Elizabeth Huffstickler and they are parents of six children. They have 21 grandchildren.

Mr. Biddix was first elected to the board in 1965 and is completing his second term. He is an insurance salesman for Sturdivant Life Insurance Company. He is active in East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist church. He is married to the former Marie Howe and they are parents of five children. They have four grandchildren.

Mrs. Walker, the former Maude Rhea, was elected to succeed her late husband, O. O. Walker, last April, who would have completed his second term had he lived until May. Mrs. Walker is a native of Kings Mountain. She is active in Kings Mountain Baptist church, Order of Eastern Star, the Woman's club, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She has one daughter, Mrs. JoAnn McDaniel, and a granddaughter, Cheryl McDaniel.

Both Mr. Ellison and Mr. King, in filing statements, said they wanted to see the completion of numerous projects begun during their terms of office. Mr. Ellison said he had been involved in the water project business since 1952 and wanted to see the fruition of that project.

Minister To Head Job Seekers Effort

Schools Reopen Thursday Morning

Kings Mountain district schools will reopen Thursday.

It'll be back to book for school students who've enjoyed a three-day vacation because of the snow.

School buildings will open at the usual time today but classes will be resumed an hour later, said Supt. Donald Jones.

Jobs Downtown Are Sought; Group Meets

Rev. F. Willeford, pastor of the Righteous Church of God, has been named coordinator of the Kings Mountain Improvement Association for its efforts in seeking job opportunities for Negroes.

Mr. Willeford has five congregations in Cleveland County. His appointment was made at an executive committee meeting of the Kings Mountain Improvement Association Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucio Wilson at 511 N. Watterson street.

Said Mrs. Victoria Bess, president of the association, "We know we should have jobs in downtown Kings Mountain." She continued, "Area ministers, both black and white, can do much for the whole community in helping citizens do what is best for all the people."

William Orr, first president of the association, said, "Now is the time for all people to do their part in improving our city with action."

Rev. Willeford said, "The time is short. We need to make good all our talking, energies and action." He then pledged his efforts in coordinating a program for both whites and blacks, in working with the mayor, merchants and businesses of the city to bring about positive action for job opportunities for Negroes. He asked the cooperation of the community in this effort.

L. L. Barkley's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Loren Lee Barkley, 61, of route 1, were held Saturday at 3 p.m. from Cherokee Street Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. Kelly Dixon, Rev. George Leigh and Rev. Floyd Hollar officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Barkley died Thursday morning in the Kings Mountain hospital after several week's illness.

He was a retired textile employee, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barkley.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. James Camp of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Ola Hicks of Gastonia and Mrs. Pauline Zaffke.

Mrs. McClain's Rites Friday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Maggie Stowe McClain, 75, of route 1, will be held Friday at 4 p.m. from Galilee Methodist church.

Rev. T. A. Powell will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Ebenezer Baptist church cemetery.

Mrs. McClain died February 17th.

Surviving are one son, Luther McClain of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Adams of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Annie Bell McDowell of the home; two brothers, Bert Stowe of Gastonia and Nathaniel Stowe of Charlotte; six sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Lindsay, Mrs. Emma Benson, Mrs. Sallie Crawford and Miss Della Stowe, all of Gastonia, Mrs. Oscar Love of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Rosetta Barnett of Crumpton; and 11 grandchildren.

The body will be taken to the home at 5 p.m. Thursday where it will lie in state until the hour of service.

KMHS Students To Hear Astronaut, Scott Carpenter, On Friday

Forty-six students from Kings Mountain high school will be guests to hear Commander M. Scott Carpenter, one of the original seven United States astronauts, speak in Charlotte on Saturday, February 22 at 11 a.m. in the last of three Jefferson Conventions for 1968-69.

Scott Carpenter belongs to that unique breed of men who have experienced an orbiting mission around mother earth. Carpenter was the second American to have accomplished this feat. The veteran astronaut also monitored the design and development of the lunar module in the current Apollo program. Later, as a SEALAB team leader, Carpenter spent thirty record-breaking days living and working underwater. He is currently applying space flight technologies to the Navy's Deep Submergence Systems Project as Assistant for Aquanaut Operations. Commander Carpenter's talk will be entitled "Undersea Living — Man's Latest Quest."

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SPEAKER — Joe Lancy, director of urban redevelopment for the City of Kings Mountain, will be guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.