

**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 14,990 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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## Work Began Wednesday On Buffalo Water Project

### Big Machines Felling Trees, Clearing Area

By MARTIN HARMON

Clearing and grubbing of the Buffalo Creek lake area began at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

By mid-afternoon many trees had been felled and many acres cleared by the two big Caterpillar tractors of Phillips & Jordan, of Robbinsville, sub-contractors of the clearing-grubbing work.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the order of priority on the year-long construction job will be to build the four-million gallon treatment plant, meantime laying the seven-mile 24-inch pipeline.

"Using this construction plan, our engineers, W. K. Dickson & Company, feel the city will be able to obtain water from Buffalo Creek within a few months and thereby avert another water shortage," Mayor Moss commented.

The 240 piggyback rail cars of pipe is expected to begin arriving March 27 from Armo Steel Company, Dennis Fox, resident engineer, said he expected the contractor, Ray D. Lowder Company of Albemarle, to begin the line-laying by March 31.

Mr. Fox said at the peak of construction the project will have at least 1000 employees on the job.

Earl Max Phillips, foreman of the clearing-grubbing firm, says the big Caterpillars cost approximately \$70,000 each. Two were on the job Wednesday and he said expected to bring in up to four more as the work progresses.

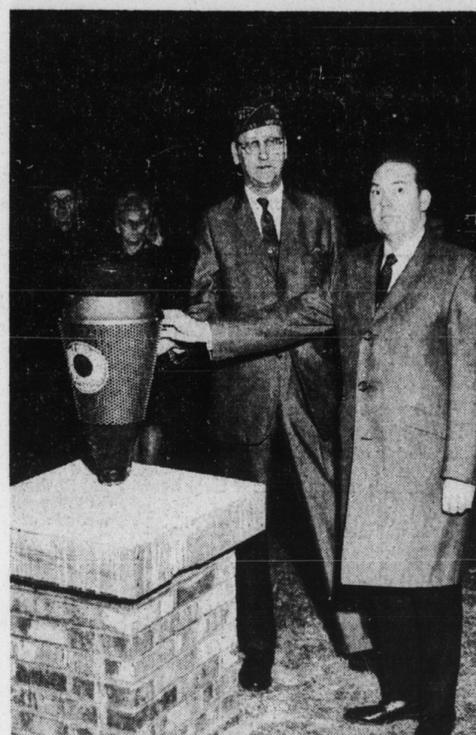
Once the pipe is put along the highway and Armo Steel representatives will inspect it to determine whether any was damaged in shipment.

Lockridge Transfer Company will haul the pipe from Charlotte or Gastonia. Unloading point had not yet been determined by Armo Steel.

The project was estimated to cost \$3,500,000.

Exact amount will not be known until cost of all the land is known. The city has lodged condemnation actions against five property owners, Buford Cline, John D. Cline, Ambrose Cline, Coleman Goforth and Shelby Realty Company.

Mayor Moss said Clerk of Court Paul Wilson has indicated he would appoint the three-person appraisal teams next week.



**FLAME OF FREEDOM** — Oils D. Green Post 155 Commander Carl Wiesener, left, presents to the city a Flame of Freedom on behalf of local Legionnaires and Legion Auxiliary. Accepting, on behalf of the city, is Mayor John Henry Moss, right. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Tate can be seen in background. Some 150 citizens attended the Flame of Freedom presentation ceremonies Saturday night in Veterans' Park of Mountain Rest cemetery. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

### Eternal Flame Lighted Saturday

American Legion Post 155 presented an Eternal Flame of Freedom to the city Saturday night as their 50th anniversary gift to the community.

Ceremonies were held at 8:30 in Veterans Park of Mountain Rest cemetery before a crowd estimated at 150.

Commander Carl Wiesener presented the flame to the city and it was accepted by Mayor John Henry Moss.

Lighting of the flame took place at 9 p.m., exact hour that the Tomb of the Unknowns was lighted by the American Legion at Arlington National Cemetery.

Rev. Edwin Criscoe gave the invocation and Mrs. John Henry Moss, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, led the pledge to the flag.

Said Commander Wiesener, "In presenting this flame of freedom the American Legion and Auxiliary want to emphasize the deep and lasting symbolism of this light which will be a local reflection of the American flag."

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**WINS FELLOWSHIP** — Dr. Lawrence L. Lohr, Jr., has won a two-year fellowship in chemistry from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

### Dr. Lohr Wins Fellowship

Lawrence Lohr, Jr., son of Mrs. Lawrence L. Lohr of Kings Mountain and the late Mr. Lohr, is among 76 young physical scientists on the faculties of 44 universities and colleges who have won Alfred P. Sloan Foundation fellowships for basic research.

Dr. Lohr, on the staff of the University of Michigan, will do research in chemistry. He and his wife now reside in Michigan.

Candidates are nominated by established scientists who are familiar with the nominee's research potential.

The two-year fellowships carry an average stipend of \$8,750 a year. The Foundation allocates \$1,400,000 annually for the basic research fellowships, which have been awarded since 1953 through the Foundation's program for basic research in the physical sciences.



**RE-ELECTED** — L. E. (Josh) Hinnant has been re-elected president of the Kings Mountain Country club for the coming year.

### Country Club Stockholders Elect Hinnant, Authorize Big Expansion

Stockholders of Kings Mountain Country Club Tuesday moved to proceed on an expansion program estimated to cost \$250,000.

Action by the group authorizes the purchase of 35 additional acres of land for an 18-hole golf course estimated to cost \$150,000 and expansion of the facility to include a new dining room, ballroom, two new locker rooms, a new pro shop and a game room.

Motion was that the project "is in keeping with Kings Mountain's growth."

Director on Tuesday re-elected L. E. (Josh) Hinnant as president. Mr. Hinnant is executive officer of First Union National Bank.

They also elected Drace Peeler as vice president succeeding Charles Neisler and re-elected Bob Lowe as secretary and Tom Tate as treasurer. New directors include John A. Cheshire, P. A. Francis, W. S. Fulton, Jr., and Fred Wright, Jr. Hold-over directors are Dr. N. H. Reed, Tom Tate, Bob Lowe, Joe Hedden, Drace Peeler, Charles A. Neisler, Dr. Sam

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### Shaney Candidate For Commissioner

#### He Opposes Mrs. Walker In Ward 5

First contest of the spring political season developed Monday as Richard (Dick) Shaney filed notice of candidacy for Ward 5 city commissioner.

He challenges incumbent Commissioner Mrs. O. O. Walker.

Mr. Shaney joined Carolina Throwing Company three years ago as personnel director. For 11 years he served as a N. C. State highway patrolman.

He is married and father of two children.

In his filing statement, Mr. Shaney gave his reasons for filing for the commissioner's post.

"After giving considerable thought to the candidacy for Ward 5 Commissioner," he has decided once again to run for this important office.

"First let me say there were a number of things that prompted me to make this decision. I feel that Kings Mountain needs modern, progressive thinking councilmen to assist its mayor in the completion of the many projects now in progress. With the completion of our community building and water project, efficient planning in the administration of these projects are vitally necessary if our community is to receive maximum benefit from them. I feel my experience in business and recreation would help greatly in future planning.

2) For the past number of years I have sat on the sidelines like many of you, looking in on our political process with disappointment, in many cases concerning failure of our politicians to get involved in key issues facing our town, state and nation. I feel this lack of involvement has caused a great degree of many of our social and economic problems that burden us today. We seem to live in a day and age when many politicians put their personal careers above what is best for the majority. Fence straddling, non committal, no comment type actions seem to be the order of the day.

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**CANDIDATE** — Richard (Dick) Shaney is a candidate for Ward 5 City Commissioner. He challenges incumbent Commissioner Mrs. O. O. Walker.

### Elliott Rites To Be Thursday

Funeral rites for John S. Elliott, 71, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Harris Funeral Home chapel.

Mr. Elliott, a Kings Mountain native and World War I veteran, died Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Veterans Administration hospital at Oteen. He had been ill several months.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Elliott.

Surviving are a brother, Lee Elliott, of Charlotte, and three sisters, Mrs. Dewey Falls and Mrs. J. G. Martin, both of Kings Mountain, and Miss Nell Elliott, of Portsmouth, Va.

Rev. George Julian will conduct the service.

Interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

### Seth D. Wilson Rites Thursday

Funeral services for Seth Donald Wilson, 79, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Wilson, who had been for several years, in ill health, succumbed Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Kings Mountain hospital.

A native of Spartanburg County, S. C., he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilson. He was a retired employee of Neisler Mills and a member of First Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nancy Patrick Wilson, a son, Donald Wilson, of North Augusta, S. C., two daughters, Mrs. Sarah W. Smith, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Charles Alexander, of Charlotte, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Dr. Paul Ausley will conduct the final rites and burial will be in Grover cemetery.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home.

### Appreciation Night Banquet To Be Tuesday

Annual Area Appreciation Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club will be held Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Woman's club.

The traditional Lions Farmers' event has been expanded to include leaders of business and industry.

Guest speaker will be Schools Superintendent Donald Jones who will discuss the May 24th referendum on a county-wide 50-cent supplemental school tax authorization and a five-cent tax and \$850,000 bond issue for Cleveland County Technical Institute.

Howard Bryan is chairman of the arrangements committee which also includes Edwin Moore.

### Gault Wins Bank Promotion

Boyce H. Gault, Jr., formerly of Kings Mountain, has been promoted to automated services account officer of Charlotte's North Carolina National Bank.

His parents live at 112 North Deal St. in Kings Mountain. He is married to the former Phyllis Welch, formerly of Kings Mountain. They have two children.

Gault is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and studied accounting at King's College.

He began his business career with Burlington Industries, Inc., and joined the First National Bank of Kings Mountain in 1962.

He served in the check processing, bookkeeping and teller departments. After subsequent banking experience in Charlotte, he joined NCNB in January of this year.

He has been a Sunday School teacher at Oakhurst Baptist church here since 1963. Gault is an Army veteran.

### HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. W. G. Hughes is a patient in Ocala, Fla. hospital after suffering a heart attack Monday. Mrs. Hughes, 91, had been in Ocala, Fla. since Christmas visiting her son, Robert Hughes and family. Her two daughters and grandson, Jack Hughes, Mrs. E. C. Martin and Mrs. Phillip Baker have gone to Ocala.

### Armed Robbery Charged Two Boys After Arrest For Barrett Theft

Thursday the 13th was an unlucky day for two youthful robbers in Kings Mountain.

The two Gaffney, S. C. boys, arrested early Friday morning and charged the armed robbery of B and C Phillips 66 Service Station missed the I-85 turn-off South and took Superior Stone service road which dead-ends when two tires blew.

They abandoned the car, walked to the nearby Dixon Road Truck Plaza and hired a man for \$20 to take them to Gaffney.

Police staked themselves out at the abandoned car and after a lengthy wait arrested one of the two, John Michael Coggins, 18, when he returned to the car accompanied by his parents.

The other youth, Donald Franklin Wheller, Jr., 16, is in Cherokee County jail in lieu of \$3,000 bond. He is fighting extradition to this state. Police Chief Tom McDevitt said yesterday. Coggins is in jail in Shelby in lieu of \$2,500 bond.

Chief McDevitt said the two are accused of holding Ronnie Cobb of the Bethware section at gunpoint and robbing the station on N. C. 161 and I-85 of \$165.30 Thursday night at 9:20 p.m.

Marvin Wright of Kings Mountain, attendant at the station, said he had gone to supper and young Cobb was watching the station. Wright said when he returned from supper he noticed two youths leaving the station and getting into an automobile.

"I don't know why I paid particular attention to this car, but I did," Wright said.

The robbers had forced Cobb into a restroom at the station and told him if he came out they would shoot him, Wright said.

After police arrived on the

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**WOUNDED IN ACTION** — Sp/4 Robert C. Merck has been wounded in action while serving in Vietnam.

### Robert Merck Hurt In Action

Sp/4 Robert C. Merck, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Merck of Kings Mountain, was wounded in action in Vietnam March 5th.

The Kings Mountain man notified his parents by letter from the Navy ship hospital USS Nueces this week.

He said he was wounded in the shoulder and arm by hostile forces when he stepped in a booby-trap.

He entered the service in October. He is a member of the Ninth Infantry Division. His address: US 5330614 Co. 3rd BN 47th Infantry 9th Infantry Division, APO, San Francisco, 96373.



**ORMAND CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY** — Battie Meek Ormand celebrated his 100th birthday Tuesday. He is pictured above cutting a birthday cake at First Presbyterian church Sunday. Special services at the church honored the retired Southern Railway conductor. (Photo by Carlisle Studio)

### Captain Ormand Celebrates 100th



**PRESIDENT** — Joe Smith was installed as president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce at the annual banquet Monday night.

### Joe R. Smith C of C President

Joe R. Smith, executive vice-president of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association, was installed as president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

Mr. Smith succeeds Gene Timms.

Other new officers include L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, first vice-president, and Lee McIntyre, second vice-president. New and hold-over directors are J. C. Bridges, Tom Tate, Charles Mauney, Jonas Bridges, Hovle McDaniel, Joe McDaniel, Charles Blanton, Bill Brown and Charles Wray.

The annual banquet, which was attended by several hundred people at the American Legion Hall, was held at 7 p.m. WBTN-TV broadcaster Doug Mayes, the featured speaker, gave his usual "live" broadcast of the news at 6 p.m., then drove to Kings Mountain, arriving well in time to step into the buffet line.

He interspersed his remarks with humor on the theme, "Communication." "People communicate on three levels," asserted Mayes. "People, things and ideas—the latter is the most challenging level of communication."

He continued, "We need to come up with original ideas but

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### "Helping Hand" Aids 15 Families

During the month of February the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association's "Helping Hand Fund," through several groups, ministers and churches, helped a total of 15 persons or families with the expenditure of \$216.91, reported the treasurer.

Included was the help in providing food, fuel, coal, clothes and help for persons stranded.

This is a joint effort through the United Fund of Kings Mountain, the ministers and laymen especially during the Christmas season as our community shared in the "bell ringing" to help the less fortunate.

### RADIO DAY

Ken Roberts, Bill Sanders and Larry Smith headed Jaycee Radio Day activities Wednesday. They staged appreciation to Kings Mountain merchants for their participation in the annual effort.