

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 Township in Gaston County.

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Senator White Introduces Revised Lake Authority Bill

Politicking Picks Up Steam; Three More Candidates File

Tommy Bridges, Charles Ballard, Stroupe File

City politics picked up steam this week as three more candidates threw their hats in the political arena.

Additions of candidates Tommy P. Bridges, Ward III, Charles E. Ballard, Ward V, and George M. Stroupe, Ward VI, brings to 20 the number of candidates for six City Hall seats and two positions on the board of education.

The new developments mean a five-man race in Ward III, a three-man race in Ward V and a three-man race in Ward VI. In



TOMMY F. BRIDGES

CONSIDERING

William Orr was being encouraged by friends to offer as a candidate for Ward 5 Commissioner Wednesday afternoon, he told the Herald. Mr. Orr said he had not definitely decided whether he will offer as a candidate.

Ward V Richard (Dick) Shaney and Charles E. Ballard challenge Mrs. O. O. Walker. In Ward III, Tommy P. Bridges, Roy Pearson, Alfred Tucker and R. Coleman Stroupe challenge T. J. Ellison. In newly-created Ward 6, there is a three-way contest between Mrs. Sarah (Sis) Jones, Jim Dickey and George Stroupe.

Only two candidates are without opposition. Mayor John Henry Moss is unopposed for a third term at City Hall, and Ward 1 Commissioner Ray Cline is unopposed. The filing deadline is Monday.

Jerry Mullinax is challenging Comm. W. S. Biddix in Ward II and Thomas Dellinger and Dewey Styer are challenging Commissioner Norman King in Ward 4.

Unopposed for reelection to the board of education are Chairman George H. Mauney and James E. Herndon, Jr.

Tommy P. Bridges, Secretary and Treasurer of Bridges Auto Parts, and President of Lincoln Aviation Inc., filed Wednesday for Commissioner of Ward 3.

Bridges said in a formal statement, "For some time I have watched with interest the growth of Kings Mountain and have desired to become active in its leadership. We are attracting new business and industry, and I feel that I can offer new ideas and fresh approaches to the expansion."

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Mauney Heads Hosiery Club

Charles Mauney, General Manager of Mauney Hosiery Mills, was elected 1968-1970 president of the Catawba Valley Hosiery club during the annual meeting of the organization in Hickory earlier this month.

The 35-year-old hosiery executive has served as vice president of the club during the past year and succeeds J. Hubert Gilbert, General Manager of Catawba Hosiery Co. in Catawba.

The new vice president of the association is Charles Jeffers of Kayser-Roth Hosiery Co., operations in Hickory. Norman Coleman of Little Coleman Co. in Hickory is the 1968-1970 treasurer.

Assuming seats on the Board of Directors are Mildred Showley of the Jo-Mil Hosiery Co. in Hickory; R. E. James of the R. L. James and Son Hosiery Mill, Marion; W. F. (Bill) Thore of Stevens Hosiery Co. in Hickory; and Voit Rudisill of Cooksville Hosiery Mill, Cooksville Section of Catawba County.

Mauney is a graduate of N. C. State University and has served on the Board of Directors since 1967. He is president of the Kings Mountain Rotary club, a director of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and has served as chairman of his community's United Fund Drive.

Mrs. Mauney is the former Lynne Wagner of Statesville. Continued On Page Eight

KM, Gaston Are Contracting For Pipeline

The city commission Tuesday night entered into agreements with Gaston County, J. E. Herndon Company and Kinder Manufacturing Company for installation of a sewer line from the city to the Kings Mountain Industrial Park to serve the two industries.

The project is being carried out under Gaston's policy for extending water and sewer service to industries outside municipal boundaries. The two industries are financing the project and are being reimbursed on the part of Gaston County for that portion of the line inside Gaston County.

Contract was awarded Sanders Brothers to install the line at a contract price of \$37,532.

"This is a good example," said the mayor, of cooperative effort by the City of Kings Mountain and by the City of Gastonia. This venture should be a good investment for both of us," he added.

Continuing, the mayor said, "This agreement established a most excellent beginning for Kings Mountain, a five-county town, and Gastonia for future development of both cities. The Gaston County commissioners have extended the hand of cooperation to Kings Mountain in its efforts to develop the Kings Mountain Industrial Park."

In other action, the board: Approved two rezoning matters; the Maude Plonk Harper property located at the South-Eastwest intersection of King street and Canterbury road from R-8 to general business; and approved the rezoning of Julia W. Kiser's property located at the south side of King street near Canterbury road from R-8 to general business.

Readvised for bids for a center mounted hydraulic derrick installed in connection with an all-steel utility line construction and general body. Advertisement is necessary because only two bids were received Tuesday night.

Accepted the low \$4,481.22 bid of Dixon Chevrolet, Inc. for a truck cab and chassis having a cab-to-axle dimension of approximately 84 inches. Southwell Motor Co., the only other bidder, submitted a bid of \$4,610.

Approved resolution dividing \$200,000 Utility Fund money into the General Fund and Capital Outlay Fund.

Approved the transfer of a taxi franchise from Jack Smith to W. T. Clary, at Smith's request.

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Broadcasts Set For Servicemen

Wives whose husbands are stationed overseas may tape conversations for their husbands via the Red Cross and WKMT Radio next week.

American Red Cross representatives will be at Radio Station WKMT Monday through Friday from 9 until 11 a.m. to make the recordings.

Wives interested should call the Red Cross office in Shelby, 487-8594.

KMHHS Students Take Honors

Carolyn Wright and Sheila Green, Kings Mountain high school students, were first place winners in 1969 Forensic contest of the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association.

The contest was held Monday at Watauga high school in Boone. Schools from the western district of the state were competing for places in the annual speaking event.

Carolyn Wright copped top honors in the declamation division, defeating contestants from five other schools with "Robert Kennedy's Speech to Young People in South Africa."

Sheila Green's dramatic reading entitled "Scratch, the Newsboy's Dog," by Leota H. Black earned for her the first place medal in mono-drama. Competition in this area came from six other schools.

Carolyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Wright, Route 3. Sheila is one of the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Green of Route 2.



WINNERS — Sheila Green, right, and Carolyn Wright, left, were first place winners in the 1969 Forensic contest of the Western N. C. High School Activities Association Monday in Boone. Miss Wright was first in the declamation division and Miss Green was first in mono-drama.

Face-Lifting Is Approved For Streets

Face-lifting of numerous streets was voted Tuesday night by the city commission.

Bids will be received at the May 13th city board meeting on the following improvements:

Curb and Gutter: Floyd street from York road to Oriental Avenue; Third street from Linwood road to dead end; Mauney Avenue, from York road to Laura street.

Paving: William street, from Edgemont Drive to dead end; Roxford road, 215 feet to Downing street; 1200 feet on Downing street.

Resurfacing: First street from Linwood road to dead end; North Gaston, from Parker to North Battleground; North Tracy street from King street to Childers street; Monta Vista Drive, from Wilson to Falls street; Waco road, from Gantt to Watterson street.

Mayor John Moss said that funds for the improvements are in the current year's budget.

Public Works Supt. Grady Yelton said that paving will begin the first week in May on several other streets. These include Cherokee, Goforth, Woodland Drive and Ford street. He said contractor is Neale Hawkins.

Several other actions related to street work.

The board accepted petitions for three requested projects: paving, curb and gutter of Caldwell street from Fulton road to Manner road; curb and gutter of Manner road from Phifer road to dead end; and paving, curb and gutter of Castlewood road from U. S. 74 to dead end.

All these were accepted on an "if and when" funds are available basis.

Also the commissioners voted (Continued on Page Eight)

Dave Weathers' Father Passes

Funeral rites for Maurice R. Weathers, 71, of Shelby, father of Kings Mountain Herald Mechanical Superintendent Dave Weathers, were held Sunday at 4 p.m. from Shelby's First Baptist church.

Mr. Weathers, foreman of the Shelby city water department and city building inspector until his retirement in 1966, died Saturday morning in Charlotte Memorial hospital after illness for several months.

He was a native of Cleveland County, served as the county's recorder's court judge in 1933. He was a member of Shelby First Baptist church, American Legion Warren F. Hoyle Post 82, and a veteran of World War I.

Surviving besides his son are his wife, Mrs. Annie Wilson Weathers; two sons, Bill Weathers of Sherman Oakes, Calif. and Maurice R. Weathers, Jr. of Jacksonville, N. C.; two daughters, Miss Norma Weathers of Shelby and Mrs. Bill Reynolds of Raleigh; a sister, Mrs. Charles Wright of Shelby, and 11 grandchildren.

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City's Two Legislators Still Poles Apart On Lake Bill

Moss Reiterates KM's Position On Lake Bill

Kings Mountain Mayor John Henry Moss issued the following statement yesterday, setting forth Kings Mountain's position on the Kings Mountain Lake Authority Bill.

Said the Mayor: "The Kings Mountain Lake Authority Bill No. 364, introduced and amended by Senator Jack White, is a most excellent and fair bill to all. It provides for the establishment of the Kings Mountain Lake Authority with seven members from the City of Kings Mountain and authorizes the City of Kings Mountain to establish a zoning commission that provides for five members, three from Kings Mountain and two from Cleveland County. This bill also provides the City of Kings Mountain and Lake Authority, policing powers of the waters. These three provisions are absolutely necessary for the orderly development of this lake, so that it may serve its fullest potential to our citizens."

"I believe it is only proper, fair and just that the City of Kings Mountain be in charge of the supervision of this lake because it is the citizens of Kings Mountain that are financing this project. Therefore, I urge our other district representative in the N. C. Legislature, Cleveland County commissioners, and the Cleveland County Planning Board to support the passage of this bill."

Registration books for the May 24th schools referendum on issuing of a 50 cent county-wide supplementary tax will open at the county's 28 precincts Saturday.

The books will be open on three Saturdays, April 26th, May 3 and May 10.

Polling places in Kings Mountain are: Bethware at Bethware school; East Kings Mountain at Kings Mountain Fire Department; West Kings Mountain at the National Guard Armory; and Grover at the Grover Rescue Squad.

No new registration is required. Citizens who voted in the general election are registered to vote. New citizens who have been residents of the state one year and residents of the county three months should register if they plan to vote. The election officials who served in the November general election will also serve in the school election.

Of the 50 cent supplemental tax, only 40 cents will be levied, if the authorization passes. Supt. Donald Jones said the tax would provide: elimination of teaching principals; improved instructional program; teacher supplement comparable to those in our area; reduction in class size; improved curriculum; improved supervisor services; better janitorial and maintenance services; improve buildings; improve lighting, heating and electrical services; up special services; refinish furniture; reduce and perhaps eliminate instructional fees and basic fee.

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"Good News" To Sing Here

"Good News," a Christian folk musical, will be presented at First Baptist church Sunday evening April 27, 7:30 p.m., by the B.S.U. Choir of Gardner-Webb college.

This musical speaks in the language of youth and explores the problems of today. The Gardner-Webb singers have given this program in many places this year and have always received a good response.

Daylight Savings Time: Sunday 2 a.m.

A Reminder — Turn clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night.

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 27th.



DELEGATES — Diane Tria, top, and Debbie Timms will represent American Legion Post 155 Auxiliary at Tar Heel Girls' State to be held in June.

Girls' State Delegates Named

Diane Tria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Tria, and Debbie Timms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Timms, will attend Tar Heel Girls' State as delegates from Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion Auxiliary.

Girls' State is held annually June 22-27 on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and brings together outstanding high school students for a week's program.

Both Miss Tria and Miss Timms are rising high school seniors where they are active in school affairs. Miss Timms is active in Central Methodist church and Miss Tria is active in Christ the King Catholic church.

Chairman of the Girls' State committee is Mrs. C. L. Jolly, Sr.

Anyone For Some Campaign Cash? File For The County Commission

"I don't know how successful you'll be in your venture into politics, but I'll be happy to help finance any one of you in your campaign for a seat on the county board of commissioners."

This remark was made by Charles Blanton, local pharmacist, at Tuesday night's Lions club meeting which featured six challengers on the program roster.

Mr. Blanton prefaced remarks by the candidates themselves as they spoke briefly on their aspirations for a seat at City Hall.

The local druggist assured challengers Sarah (Sis) Jones, Roy Pearson, Alfred Tucker, Dick Mauney, Jim Dickey and Jerry Mullinax he is sincere in his promise of campaign cash.

"We need someone to represent us on the county commission badly," he added.

White, Mauney Don't Agree On Specifics

This city's two representatives in the N. C. General Assembly were still poles apart Wednesday afternoon on the Kings Mountain Lake Authority Bill, expected to be voted on in the Senate Friday.

Rep. W. K. Mauney, Jr., Kings Mountain industrialist, said it is within jurisdiction of the county commission to do the zoning.

Senator Jack White, Kings Mountain lawyer and city attorney, said Kings Mountain citizens should have authority over the lake itself and the zoning of 3,000 feet from the high water mark or water's edge. He said it is necessary for "orderly control" that Kings Mountain police the water's and shore area as this is rightly Kings Mountain's jurisdiction. The Senator has introduced Revised Bill 364 (and the city board has approved) he believes will answer the objections voiced by individual and subsequently by the county board of commissioners and the county planning board. Two members of the county planning board, J. O. Harris and Carl Finger, present for Monday night's approval of the revisions, say they favor and see no reason why the planning board should not approve the amended bill.

It is Representative Mauney's contention that all the property around the lake, since taxed by the county, should be policed by the county. "The county gets the money for the taxes and should be responsible for police protection," said Mr. Mauney. Senator White said policing costs could be paid from revenues by the City of Kings Mountain from fishing and boating permits. Continued On Page Eight

Lake Bill Reaches Floor Of Senate

Revised Senate Bill No. 364, the proposed legislation that would create a Kings Mountain Lake Authority and Kings Mountain zoning of the Kings Mountain Buffalo Lake Reservoir, was introduced by Senator Jack White and won favorable committee report in the Senate Wednesday.

The Senator said from Raleigh at 4:30 p.m. yesterday that he would introduce the bill on the Senate floor Thursday. "It will probably be taken up Friday morning," said Mr. White.

Amendments eliminate the controversial watershed zoning provision (now reads Kings Mountain Buffalo Lake Reservoir) and specify a zoning area of 3,000 feet from the Kings Mountain lake.

Another change spells out that three Kings Mountain and two county citizens (not living in Kings Mountain) constitute the lake area zoning board.

The bill provides the establishment of a Kings Mountain Lake Authority with seven members from Kings Mountain to be appointed for five-year terms by the city board of commissioners.

The bill also provides the City of Kings Mountain and Lake Authority have policing powers of the waters.

The city board on Monday night adopted resolutions amending the Senate Bill 364 and issued this statement of policy: "Until such time the lake area is developed whereby codes and subdivision regulations are necessary for orderly development, the city's policy shall remain for zoning only."

Copies of the resolution were mailed to Senator White, Representatives W. K. Mauney, Jr. Robert (Bob) Falls and Robert Jones and Senator Marshall Rauch.

J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, a member of the county planning board, (which objected to the original bill) was present for the meeting. He said, "I see no reason why the planning board should object to this bill, as revised."

Senator White reiterated: "It is not mine or Kings Mountain's intention to usurp the county's authority in zoning. I feel sure the city would zone in accordance with their planning. But, it's important that it be done, also that if Kings Mountain has authority over the water in the lake itself, it also have authority over the area around it. We don't want to see honky-tonks clogging the lake area which should be maintained and developed as the ideal public and recreational area it can be and should be."

"I foresee no difficulty of passage of this bill by the Senate on Friday," said the senator.

Two Endorse Lake Bill

Two members of the Cleveland County Planning Board Wednesday endorsed Senate Bill 364, the Kings Mountain Lake Authority Bill.

They were J. Ollie Harris and Carl Finger, both Kings Mountain citizens.

The board unanimously opposed the original bill as drafted several weeks ago.

Both Mr. Finger and Mr. Harris said they see no reason why the board should not accept the new bill in its amended form.

Meet Candidates Night May 6

Kings Mountain Jaycees will hold a "Meet the Candidates Night" Tuesday, May 6th, at 7:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

All candidates in the May 13th city election will be invited and urged to be present to state their position on the issues in the political campaign.

The public is invited to meet with the Jaycees and meet and hear the local candidates.

School Calendar Is Approved

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night approved a calendar for next school year, 1969-70, as follows:

Aug. 22, teachers day; Aug. 22, pupil orientation day; Aug. 25, first full day for students; Sept. 1, Labor Day holiday; Sept. 23, district teachers meeting; Nov. 27-28, Thanksgiving holidays; Dec. 22-Jan. 2, Christmas holidays (begin end of school day Dec. 19, classes resume Jan. 5); Jan. 16, Evaluation Day; March 27-April 3, spring vacation (begin end of school day March 26, classes resume April 6); June 3, last day for students; June 4-5, teachers days.

The calendar contains two days which will be used as inclement weather make up days. The third and fourth days missed because of inclement weather will be made up on Saturday with any other days taken off at the spring vacation.