

Population

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

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 6,154 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Tentative City Budget For 1969-70 Set At \$2,673,702

Razing Of Derelict Houses Offered

Free Clean-Up Is Scheduled For 30 Days

The city commission voted Tuesday night to offer a 30-day free clean-up of derelict housing, junk autos and appliances at residences.

The action also implied subsequent enforcement of city codes at owners' expense.

Mayor John Henry Moss summarized a report of Kelly Dixon, codes officer, who reported much sub-standard housing, some of which enjoy the present of cat-size rats and snakes. Mr. Dixon recommended the city pay for razing of the residential derelicts.

All of the sub-standard housing does not need to be razed, Mr. Dixon was quoted, but can be improved to meet code specifications.

Joe Laney, director of the redevelopment commission, said there are many burned out houses within the city, of no value to property owners, which should be removed to improve the looks of the city and the value of the property.

Applications for razing of derelicts during the 30-day free period should be made to Mr. Dixon.

Several commissioners said previous clean-up efforts have proved highly successful and unanimously voted the motion.

'69-70 Peak Year Payment On City's \$4,300,000 Debt



Funeral rites for Christy Sylvanus Reynolds, 82, were held Monday from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Reynolds Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for Christy S. Reynolds, 82, were held Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Reynolds, retired textile employee and Bethlehem community resident, died at 7:45 p.m. Sunday in the Kings Mountain hospital after illness of several months.

He was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Amos Reynolds and a native of Burke County.

Surviving are his wife, Lillie Mae Eaker Reynolds; five sons, Thomas Reynolds, Roy Reynolds, Floyd Reynolds, James Reynolds, all of Kings Mountain, and Carl Reynolds of Gaffney, S. C.; two daughters, Mrs. H. B. Grayson of Greensboro and Mrs. Fred Tate of Kings Mountain; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Another son, Colton Blease Reynolds, was killed in World War II.

Rev. Russell Fitts, assisted by Rev. E. L. Murphy, officiated at the final rites.

TO FILL PULPIT
Dr. J. Cecil Lawrence, executive secretary of Mecklenburg Presbytery, will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.

Triplets Born Independence Day; 23-Year-Old Mother; Nos. 6, 7, 8

A 23-year-old Kings Mountain mother — Mrs. Margaret Reed Burris — gave birth to her eighth child, a set of triplets, Friday at Kings Mountain hospital.

The babies — two girls and a boy — were reported "doing fine" by their mother, though she expects they will be hospitalized two more weeks. Mrs. Burris returned home to route 1, Lake Montona road in the Hilltop community Wednesday.

Attending physician was Dr. Paul Hendricks.

Danielle Burris weighed three pounds, eleven ounces. Marlene Burris weighed in at three pounds, seven ounces and Darrin Burris weighed three pounds, six ounces.

Mrs. Burris said the stork's visit on July 4th brought two surprises to her household. She said she and her husband, James Sherwood Burris, Jr., hadn't prepared for three babies. It was a pleasant Independence Day surprise, she said.

Other members of the Burris family are Loretta Fern, who'll

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RE-APPOINTED — Thomas A. Tate, executive vice-president of Home Savings & Loan Association, has been reappointed by the city commission to a five-year term on the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission.

Interest Costs Drop Over \$9,000 In Fiscal '71

By MARTIN HARMON

The current fiscal year ending next will mark the peak of current bonded indebtedness amortization requirements on the June 30 total of \$4,300,000.

Of the \$390,950 the city will require for principal and interest payments this fiscal year, \$170,000 will be interest payments to bondholders. Another \$750 is budgeted for fiscal agency fees.

Debt costs represent slightly over 14.5 percent of the tentative budget of \$2,673,702.

Principal payments continue at \$170,000 through fiscal 1974.

Each year during this period interest charges will decline at slightly over \$9000 per year via principal pay-off.

The city's bonded debt escalated during the past two fiscal years due to issuance of \$1 million in sewer system bonds and \$3 million in water system bonds. First payment on the sewer bonds was made during the past year. Remainder of the debt represents remainder of bonds for water, sewer and recreation, totaling \$600,000, issued in 1954.

Official Praises City Land-Fill

A state department of health official, after an official inspection of the city's land-fill garbage disposal facility, termed it "one of the best in the state."

Robert Hayes told city officials, "It is kept clean and well-operated. You are doing a good job."

Hamm To Fill Lutheran Pulpit

The Rev. L. Boyd Hamm, D.D., will supply Resurrection Lutheran church Sunday, July 20 for the 11 a.m. worship service.

Dr. Hamm has served several churches in North Carolina, including St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Kings Mountain.

At present he is the associate pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Gastonia.

Dr. Hamm served in Kings Mountain from 1935-40.

The public is invited to this service.



GRADUATES — Wanda Kay Bridges and Edwin Ware have received degrees from Western Carolina University at Cullowhee.

Two Students Receive Degrees

Two Kings Mountain students received their degrees in recent commencement exercises.

Edwin Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin L. Ware, Jr., was graduated with B.A. in history from Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. At WCU he was an officer of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and active in the Young Democrats club and the International Relations club. He entered the Armed Forces on Monday.

Wanda Kay Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bridges, graduated from Western Carolina University with B.S. in physical education and will teach physical education in the Waynesville school system in the fall.

For the second summer semester Miss Bridges is serving as a tennis instructor at Point O Pines, a summer camp for girls in Brant Lake, New York.

She played tennis all four years of college and holds a cup and four trophies for skills. She was the top tennis player at WCU and participated in tournaments at the University of Tennessee and the University of North Carolina.

Privilege License Purchases \$2663

City privilege licenses purchases, due July 1, totaled \$2663 through Tuesday, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported.

Tentatively budgeted is \$5750 for the year as receipts from this source.

Penalty for non-purchase applies in August.

GOSPEL SING
The Groves Trio of Spartanburg, S. C. and the Singing Echoes of Gastonia will sing at Cherokee St. Baptist church Saturday night from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The interested public is invited to attend.

Atlanta Man Tapped For PHA Leased Units

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority directors have voted in tent to contract with Gene Gibbons, of Atlanta, for 50 leased low-rent housing units.

A provision of the resolution is that Mr. Gibbons acquire or obtain option extension on a tract and that the resolution is approved by the Atlanta HUD office.

Mr. Gibbons is a former area official of the Atlanta regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Meantime, Weaver Construction Company of Greensboro was expected to move a trailer office and initial equipment into Kings Mountain this week. Weaver holds the general contract on the \$2.7 million public housing project for which contracts were formally signed Monday.

Beginning of construction is July 14 and the contractors have a year to complete construction.

Miss McCarter Visits From School of Arts

Miss Susan McCarter, student at North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCarter, at their home in Grover and at their summer cottage on Lake Wylie.

She came especially to visit her grandmother, Mrs. C. M. McCarter, who has been ill, and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. B. A. Harry, who is leaving soon for a six month's stay in Europe.

Kids Day Planned Here

Kings Mountain Junior Police will sponsor Kids Day July 18-19 at City Stadium, with events in the afternoon and evening both days.

Admission is free. Youth acts, acrobatics, performing animals, elephant rides, real Western ponies, and choice of colorful mechanical rides will be featured. Entertainment is free.

Final Rites Held For M. L. Harmon

Funeral rites for Martin Luther Harmon, Sr., 94, were conducted at Boyce Memorial ARP church last Thursday morning.

The final rites were conducted by a former pastor, Dr. W. L. Pressly, assisted by Rev. Charles Easley, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, and at the Mountain Rest cemetery graveside, by Dr. Charles Edwards, newly arrived pastor of Boyce Memorial church.

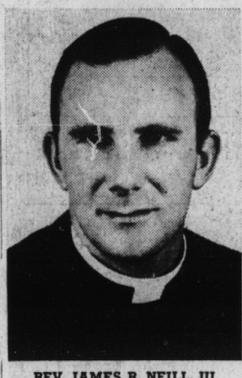
Dr. Pressly termed Mr. Harmon's life "an honor to God." Relating personal associations through 18 years of friendship, Dr. Pressly said of Mr. Harmon, an elder emeritus of the church, "He never sought the limelight. He didn't care who did the fiddling" as long as the work got done."

Mr. Easley read Old Testament Scripture and Dr. Pressly from the New Testament.

The congregation, with Mrs. J. E. Gamble at the organ, sang the Psalms "Our God Our Help in Ages Past" and "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

Pallbearers were church officers Franklin Ware, Wendell Phillips, W. S. Fulton, Jr., Garrison Goforth, James E. Anthony, and John A. Cheshire, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. H. Burton, Otis Falls, Jr., Dr. Francis Sincow, Dr. J. C. McGill, Dr. Charles Adams, Dr. George W. Plonk, Dr. O. P. Lewis, Capt. B. M. Ormand, Booth W. Gillespie, Charles C. Dilling, Percy F. Dilling, E. W. Griffin, James Crawford, B. D. Ratterree, N. F. McGill, Sr., Clarence L. Black, Lewis Hovis, M. D. Phifer, Gene Steffy, Kelly Bunch and W. L. McMackin.



REV. JAMES R. NEILL III

Neill Assumes Episcopal Duty

The Rev. James Raleigh Neill III, formerly of Hendersonville, is the new deacon-in-charge of Trinity Episcopal Church and Trinity Day School of Kings Mountain. He is also serving in the same capacity at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's Day Care Center, Bessemer City.

He succeeds the Rev. Robert Lee Haden, Jr. who is now at Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbia, South Carolina.

Prior to beginning his theological education, Mr. Neill served a tour of duty with the United States Navy. More recently he has received his commission as a chaplain in the United States Navy Reserve. He attended Harvard College and received a B.S. degree from East Tennessee State University. Following graduation he was employed as a rehabilitation counselor for youth at the Umstead Youth Center, a division of the North Carolina Prison Department in Butner. He also was an insurance adjuster for several years before beginning his theological education.

During the summer of 1967 Mr. Neill was a student chaplain in the Clinical Pastoral Training program at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. And during the summer of 1968 he and his wife served in the Western Parish Training program of the Episcopal Church in Washougal, Washington.

In June of this year Mr. Neill received his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from St. Luke's School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

Mr. Neill is married to the former Gaylene A. Morrison of Omaha. Mrs. Neill is a registered nurse and is a graduate of the Immanuel Hospital School of Nursing. She has also done work as a violinist. They have an infant son, Jamie.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill are residing at the Rectory across from Trinity Episcopal Church on Phifer Road, Kings Mountain.

Junior Club Endorses Project

The Kings Mountain Junior Women's club Tuesday night endorsed fluoridation of the water supply.

Kings Mountain Jaycees, with past president Gerald Thomason as chairman, are spearheading and reviving the fluoridation project in the city.

Action was taken at the regular meeting of the women's organization.

Funeral Rites For Miss Gardner, Former Hospital Administrator

Funeral rites for Miss Maud Montague Gardner, 90, were held Tuesday morning at 10:30 from Trinity Episcopal church of which she was a member.

Rev. James R. Neill, III, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Thomas Droppers, a former pastor, and Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church.

Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Miss Gardner died Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after several months' illness. She was a native of York County, daughter of the late John

Tax Rate Same At 85 Cen's \$100 Valuation

The city commission tentatively adopted a record \$2,673,702 budget Tuesday night, with the ad valorem tax rate of 85 cents per \$100 valuation retained.

The budget lies open for 20 days before final adoption.

Utilities will return the city over half the estimated budget. The city anticipates water and sewer revenues of \$275,000, electric and power system receipts of \$69,500, and natural gas system sales of \$485,500. Operation of these systems is expected to cost \$330,251.

The city has budgeted over \$255,000 for capital outlay items, such as street improvements, equipment purchases, a fire truck, sidewalks and urban beautification.

The city will spend \$391,000 for debt service, \$119,817 for operation of the police department, \$142,475 for operation of the street department, and \$87,860 for garbage and trash pick-up and sewer plant operation. Administrative costs are expected to total \$55,347, and recreation operations \$37,100.

Tax revenues are budgeted at \$252,000, franchise taxes at \$20,000. The city expects \$30,000 from the Powell Bill gasoline tax rebate, \$21,500 from permits, and \$18,419 from street assessments and penalties.

Parking meters are expected to return \$10,000 to the recreation fund.

Of the 85 cents ad valorem tax rate, 33.7 cents is for the general fund, 33.37 cents for capital outlay, 12.6 cents for debt service, and .05 cents for recreation.

In other actions the city voted the following contracts for street improvements, all on low bids:

Re-surfacing portions of First, North Gaston, North Tracy, and Monte Vista streets and Waco Road, to Neal Hawkins Construction Company at \$7 per ton of asphalt.

Paving of portions of Frederickson, Williams, Downing, Floyd, Third, and Laura streets, Roxford and Wales roads, Mauney avenue and Allison Court, to Neaj Hawkins at \$31,399.48.

Curbing and guttering portions of Wales Road, Frederickson, Laura, Floyd, and Third streets, Mauney avenue and Allison Court, to Skidmore Construction Company, Belmont, at \$26,732.40.

Thomas A. Tate was reappointed to a five-year term on the Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission.

Owenby Child's Rites Conducted

Michael Glenn Owenby, Jr., four-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hambright of Kings Mountain, was killed Saturday when a riding lawnmower overturned on him.

Funeral rites were held Monday at 4 p.m. from East Side Baptist church in Blacksburg, S. C. with the Rev. Herman Pennington and Rev. M. P. Hampton officiating. Interment was in Clingman Memorial Park in Blacksburg.

The child was son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Glenn Owenby of 3714 Atlas Drive, Charlotte. The family was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Owenby, the child's paternal grandparents.

Surviving besides the parents and grandparents are two sisters, Rita Faye and Glenda Owenby of the home.



VETERAN — Sgt. Jackie Dean Barrett is a veteran of more than 13 years service as a Kings Mountain policeman.

Barrett 13-Year Police Veteran

(Ed. Note — At the instance of the Kings Mountain Woman's club, the Herald continues this week a feature on Kings Mountain policemen.)

Jackie Dean Barrett, 37, is a veteran of more than 13 years service with the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Sgt. Barrett joined the police force after a four year tour of duty with the U. S. Navy.

He is a Kings Mountain native, son of Mrs. Daisy Barrett and the late T. R. (Skeet) Barrett.

Sgt. Barrett attended the Kings Mountain city schools and as a student worked part-time at the Kings Mountain Herald.

He is a member of American Legion Post 155, Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Mason, member of Fairview Lodge 339 A.F. & A.M. The Barrett family includes his wife, the former Arlene Schneider of Corydon, Indiana, and their two children, Cheryl and David.

They are members of First Presbyterian church where Mrs. Barrett is employed as secretary. They reside at 202 Park Drive.

Sgt. Barrett's favorite hobby is fishing, a sport which he enjoys during his off-duty hours and on vacations.

Injuries Fatal To Mrs. Crosby, 40

Funeral rites for Mrs. Della McAbee Crosby, 40, wife of Floyd Crosby, were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from Bessemer City Church of God, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Crosby was killed instantly Thursday night at 10 p.m. when she lost control of the pickup truck she was driving on Highway 17-A in Summerville, S. C. She and her son, Billy Ray, were enroute to Waterboro, S. C. to spend the July 4th holiday with her brother and two sisters. Young Crosby was uninjured.

Mrs. Crosby, a native of Cleveland County, is daughter of the late Mrs. Alice Fredell and Thomas E. McAbee. She was employed by Mar Glo Spinning. Her husband is an employee of the City of Kings Mountain.

Other survivors are her brother, Fred McAbee, of Waterboro, S. C.; and three sisters, Mrs. Thurman Jenkins of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Isham Crosby and Mrs. Elizabeth Crosby, both of Waterboro, S. C.

Rev. Stanley Hall officiated at the final rites.

Wrong Garbage Can, No Pick-Up

Improper garbage can, no garbage pick-up.

That was a Tuesday night edict of the city commission.

Commissioner W. S. Biddix, in a report, said the ordinance of the city should be enforced. He said there are many 60-gallon oil drums, many uncovered, which are too heavy for pick-up crews to handle and are unsanitary.

The city ordinance specifies that garbage cans must be covered, and have a capacity of not less than 10 gallons, nor more than 30 gallons.

The city will inform residents not in compliance.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Carolyn Heaver was listed on the spring dean's list at Appalachian State University, Boone. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Plato Heaver.