

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 14,800 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,184 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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Tentative School District Budget Set At \$1,045,538

Mrs. Ramsey's Funeral Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Katherine Hill Ramsey, 42, were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church of which she was a member.

Rev. Charles Easley officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Ramsey, wife of Charles E. Ramsey, Mauney Mills employee, had been in ill health for several months and had recently been hospitalized, but had returned to work as a secretary at Lithium Corporation of America.

Gaston County Coroner W. J. McLean, Jr. said the body of Mrs. Ramsey was found floating in a private swimming pool behind the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Don W. Blanton, on Canterbury Road, Sunday about noon by her husband who awoke at 8:30 a.m. to find his wife gone. Mr. Ramsey told investigating officers he searched for his wife for several hours before discovering her car at his sister's house. Mr. and Mrs. Blanton were away on a camping trip.

Mrs. Ramsey, dressed in shorts and halter, drowned in a seven foot pool. Her death was ruled an apparent suicide, said the coroner, who said he found no evidence of foul play. Efforts by Gaston Life Saving Crew members Lt. Red King and Mike Jordan were futile as they attempted to revive her.

Coroner McLean said no autopsy was held, nor will an inquest be held.

A native of Florence, S. C., Mrs. Ramsey was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hill of Bessemer City who also survive. She was a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and Mars Hill college.

Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by a son, Charles E. (Speedy) Ramsey, Jr. who arrived Tuesday from Vietnam where he is stationed in the Army; and a daughter, Miss Mary Beth Ramsey of the home.

Active pallbearers were James E. Herndon, Joe Smith, James Bennett, George H. Mauney, Glee E. Bridges, and James Lybrand.



BURRIS TRIPLETS — The Burris Triplets, Darlene, Marlene, and Darrin, now 20 days old, have gained weight and will soon be able to leave Kings Mountain hospital. Born July 4th to Mrs. Margaret Reed Burris, 23, they now weigh four pounds, four ounces and three pounds, 15 ounces. Mrs. Burris said she will be able to take them home when they tip the scales at five pounds. The Burris triplets are No. 6, 7, and 8 for Mr. and Mrs. James Sherwood Burris, Jr. of the Hilltop community. They are the second set of triplets born at Kings Mountain hospital and the first to Kings Mountain parents. First set of triplets, born at the local hospital to a Bessemer City couple, are now 10 years old. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Two Doctors Staff Clinic At Grover

Mangum, Talley Succeed Moore, In Residency

Dr. Joseph Harold Talley and Dr. Gary Mangum have arrived in Grover and have begun the general practice of medicine at Grover Clinic.

Dr. and Mrs. Mangum and their three children have occupied the former residence of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Moore and Dr. and Mrs. Talley and their two children are renting a residence but expect to build across the street from the Mangums on Lakeside Acres.

Dr. Talley comes to Grover from Greenville, S. C. and Dr. Mangum comes to Grover from residency in family practice at Charlotte Memorial hospital.

Dr. Mangum is a graduate of Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Class of 1967. Dr. Talley is a graduate of the University of Virginia Medical School, Class of 1963.

Both families are attending Shiloh Presbyterian church.

Dr. and Mrs. Moore and family have moved to Houston, Texas, where Dr. Moore is taking a residency in ophthalmology.



Dr. McKee In Grad School

IN GRADUATE SCHOOL — Dr. Michael T. McKee has entered the Orthodontic Graduate School at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. (Red) McKee of Kings Mountain and is married to the former Gale Kirous of Kings Mountain.

Dr. McKee entered the Naval Dental Corps in July 1967 after graduation from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.

Discharged from the U. S. Navy in July, Dr. McKee served from

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History Group To Meet Tuesday

Henry Lee Weathers, publisher of the Shelby Daily Star, will review the early days of Cleveland County, using one incident in each township, to highlight Tuesday night's meeting of the Cleveland County Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. at the County Office Building.

New officers for 1969-70 will also be elected.

Another feature of the program will be presentation by Ed Henry Smith of Kings Mountain of his findings on a Cleveland County Historical Map. Mr. Smith is chairman of this project.

Displays of old relics and moments of the past will be open to the public in the lobby of the County Office Building and area citizens are invited to inspect the old documents prior to the meeting or afterwards.

President Robert S. Gidney will preside.

Children of United Daughters of the Confederacy will serve refreshments after the meeting.

Mitcham To Fill Lutheran Pulpit

Rev. Bill Mitcham will fill the pulpit at Sunday morning services at Resurrection Lutheran church.

The Rev. Bill Mitcham will serve as guest minister at Resurrection Lutheran church Sunday, July 27.

Rev. Mitcham is a native of Kings Mountain and a son of the congregation. He attended Lenoir Rhyne college, Hickory and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia. He has served two churches in South Carolina and at present is the Secretary of Christian Education of the South Carolina Lutheran Synod.

The public is invited to hear Pastor Mitcham at this service.

ARP's Begin Revival Series

Revival services will begin Monday at Bethany ARP church, route 3, Clover, S. C.

Services will be held through the following Sunday at 8 p.m. each evening.

Visiting evangelist is the Rev. George Lauderdale, of Atlanta, Ga.

Thief Likes Music; Takes 100 Records

A thief or thieves who likes music broke into the "juke box" at the Deal Street Pool area Tuesday night and went home with 100 records.

He left the money.

Entry to the box was made by breaking the glass in front.

Pay Increases Anticipated; Budget Down

The Kings Mountain board of education Monday tentatively approved a 1969-70 budget of \$1,045,538.90.

"Of course this is all subject to change. We must await information from the state before it can be finalized", Mrs. I. C. Davis, secretary to Supt. Donald Jones, said Wednesday.

The total figure for the year includes \$688,027.15 in current expenses, up nearly \$11,000 from last year, and \$357,511.75 in capital outlay funds, which consists of \$118,000 in new capital outlay money and a capital reserve of \$239,511.75.

The current expense total includes an estimated \$114,000 the system expects to derive from the special 20-cent supplemental levied in the Kings Mountain school district.

Last year's budget was \$1,330,183.91. This included 1963 state bond money in the amount of \$374,537.97 which was applied to the cost of the new addition to North school.

The budget reflects pay increases. The superintendent's pay increase will come from a greater contribution from the state with the local share remaining the same. The budget also reflects pay increases for locally paid teachers and about a 10 percent increase for maintenance and secretarial.

As yet the vocational allotment has not been finalized. Supt. Jones reported at Monday's regular meeting of the board of education. The system has requested two additional vocational teachers.



COMPACT PLAQUE PRESENTED — Superintendent Donald D. Jones, left, and L. L. Adams, who is retiring as principal after 34 years at Compact school are pictured at the unveiling of an historical plaque commemorating the 97-year history of the school. The plaque was sponsored jointly by the Compact Parent-Teacher Association and the Kings Mountain City Board of Education. (Photo by Alexander)

Dedmon Is Named To Highway Post

Shelby Man Among 23 Named By Scott

Roy L. Dedmon, well-known Cleveland County cattle rancher and auctioneer, has been named a state highway commissioner by Governor Robert W. Scott.

Appointments were announced Thursday morning.

Mr. Dedmon, who was active in the gubernatorial campaign of the Governor, both in the primary and general election, had been rumored as a possible commissioner since Scott's election.

The recent General Assembly increased the membership of the highway commission from 14 to 23 members. It will enable members to serve a fewer number of counties.

Mr. Dedmon said he did not know what counties he would serve, but he guessed that the counties would be assigned at the new commission's first meeting.

Oath-taking is scheduled for next Wednesday morning, and Mr. Dedmon felt it likely that an organizational meeting would be held in the afternoon.

Long active in politics, Mr. Dedmon was county co-chairman of the Dan Moore gubernatorial campaign in 1964.

His wife is the former Ruth Spangler and is assistant clerk of Cleveland County Superior Court.

For the past four years, Cleveland County's representative on the highway commission has been W. B. Garrison, Gastonia bottler, who succeeded Clint Newton.



GRADUATE — William Lawrence Logan has received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and will join an advertising firm in New York City in the fall.

Larry Logan Is Graduated

While at the University Mr. Logan was a member of the Student Government; Le Cercle Francaise; the History club; and on the staffs of the literary magazine, "The Barnstormer" and the student newspaper, "The Carolina Journal." He was also chairman of the University Fine Arts Committee, chairman of the University Fine Arts Festival, chairman of the University "Happening," and a member of the University Union Program Board. He was one of three students chosen from the student body by the Chancellor and Dean of Students to represent the University community on the University Forum Council which brought nationally known speakers to the campus for an annual presentation and debate. He was also a member of the official committee planning and directing the 4th and 5th Carolina Writers Forum, sponsored by the University and the Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Logan was named to "The Gallery", a group of approximately one percent of the University student body who are recognized annually "in order that excellence, outstanding activity, and productive participation might be recognized in all stages of campus life; and in order that we might cite students of spirited interest in the growth of the university and displaying a special quality of esprit de corps".

Mr. Logan will move to Newark, New Jersey in September where he will be associated with the advertising firm of Benn and MacDonough, Inc., 230 Park Ave., New York City.

Coley Guyton's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Coley L. Guyton, 55, were held Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Faith Baptist church of which he was a member.

Mr. Guyton died suddenly Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a heart attack a few hours earlier.

He was a native of Cherokee County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John J. Guyton. A former semi-professional baseball player, he was associated in textiles for a number of years at the Neisler Division Margrace Plant and more recently in Gastonia.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lois Baily Guyton; one son, Charles B. Guyton of Rock Hill, S. C.; a brother, Otto Guyton of Columbia, S. C.; and four sisters, Mrs. J. P. Todd, Mrs. Leon Hamrick, Mrs. Ruth Williams and Miss Lottie Guyton, all of Kings Mountain.

The Rev. Robert Hicklin officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were James Leigh, Clinton Jolly, James Hamrick, Dewitt Guyton, Jim Guyton and Ronnie Hamrick.

Jim Grayson Wins Grant

James W. Grayson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Grayson of 901 Groves Street, has been the recipient of a V.A. scholarship this spring as an honor student. While at Kings Mountain high school he was a Governor's School nominee, a Junior Marshal and one of the four finalists from KMHS for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Scholarship award.

Grayson received a \$1,000 grant to attend Duke University, but plans to use his Veterans' scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he will major in chemistry.

Representative Says Home Rule Actions Major Accomplishment

By MARTIN HARMON

Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., in an address to his fellow Kings Mountain Lions Tuesday night, termed the work of the 1969 General Assembly well done and praised particularly new laws returning home matters to the homefolk.

Among these are conveying power to counties and cities to: 1) fix salaries of its officials, 2) determine its own form of government from three plans, 3) enact ordinances (counties, cities had the right). Otherwise, the Assembly set a state-wide schedule of register of deeds fees and set up a state department of local affairs.

The two-term legislator outlined the state-wide voting in November 1970, including the one percent sales tax option, whereby counties and cities (as Mecklenburg does now) would get these funds as a full rebate.

He also noted that other voting in November will determine constitutional changes, among these: editing of the Constitution, revision of state and local financing, reassignment of escheats to all state colleges and universities, empowering the General Assembly to fix income tax exemptions, repeal the literacy test as prerequisite for voting, and giving two-fifths of the General Assembly members power to call a special session of the Assembly (now sole prerogative of the governor).

He outlined the several tax increases, pointing taxes are controversial and a "give-and-take affair". Most of the taxes went on gasoline, liquor, cigarettes and soda pop, he said, plus a sales tax increase from 1.5 to two percent on purchases of autos, boats, and other vehicles, 1.5 cents per can of beer, and a tax of 7.5 from six percent on savings and loan associations.

He defended the gas tax increase, saying North Carolina maintains and owns more paved roads than any state in the nation. "I appreciate North Carolina's highways," he declared.

He was pleased, he said, with the adoption of the interest increase bill when he took the more conservative form supported by the House.

One Teacher Vacancy With School Opening August 25 Month Distant

With the exception of one teacher vacancy — a second grade teaching position at North School — Kings Mountain District Schools are ready for the fall term beginning August 25th.

School organization was approved Monday night by the board of education as nine additional teachers were elected bringing to 189 the number of faculty members employed for the upcoming term.

Supt. Donald Jones noted that 173 teachers were employed during the past year. He said the total includes the state allotment of 150 regular teachers, plus seven under special education, an increase of two from last year. The total also includes three kindergarten teachers, and 13 vocational teachers, one for textiles and one for bricklaying.

Resignations accepted included those of Danny Neal, John Dural, Miss Cynthia Wright, Mrs. Imogene Johnson, Mrs. Jacquitha Rountree, Mrs. Rebecca Plonk and George Lubianeski.

The principal will have one class per day. A total of 4130 pupils are expected for Pupil Orientation Day August 22. Teachers report to work on August 21.

New teachers elected Monday include: Mrs. Emma B. Blalock of Kings Mountain, East Elementary; Dorman Ned Costner of Cherryville, high school; Mrs. Verie Randall Cline of Shelby, North elementary; Mrs. Anne Lettlich, North elementary; Miss Rebecca Padgett of Shelby, Bethune elementary; Mrs. Dorcas H. Sinclair, High Shoals, high school; Mrs. Jane Cane Shields of Franklin, North elementary; Sherrill Toney of Ellenboro, Central elementary; and Mrs. Martin Harmon of Kings Mountain, elementary.

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