

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
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 14,900 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

50-Unit Leased Housing Construction 30 Days Away

Gibbons To Get Financing, Agent Tells Authority

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority has been notified by Behrens Companies, mortgage bankers, that arrangements to finance Eugene Gibbons in the building of 50 low-rent housing units will be complete in about 30 days.

In turn, Mr. Gibbons, who has been tendered a letter of intent from the Authority to lease the housing units under the already-approved leased housing project, has told the Authority he will be ready to break ground the day the financing arrangements are complete.

Mr. Gibbons holds an option to a 13-acre tract of W. Avory Harmon on the west side of North Candler street.

Meantime, the regional office of the Housing Assistance Administration of the Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved the plans, specifications, and plat of the Harmon tract for construction of the 50 units.

The preliminary site plan, including several quadruplex townhouses, triplexes, duplexes, and single units, was approved Monday by Kings Mountain Housing Authority. The plan also provides for a park area.

Meantime, Thomas W. Harper, executive director of the Authority reported, the contractor on the 150-unit project is pouring concrete slabs at the Lackey street site. He said soil tests have been completed on the Baker street sites and that foundations are ready for pouring.

Rescue Squad Conducts Search

The Cleveland County Rescue Squad of Kings Mountain joined the Grover Rescue Squad, the Kings Mountain Police and the Sheriff's Department Sunday in a search for a fourteen-year-old Grover youth.

Donald Garrett left home early Friday morning to attend the opening day of school. He didn't go to school and didn't return home Saturday and still is not home Sunday, the Rescue Squad and Police were notified.

Jim Robinson, Bob Hope and Paul Pressley, members of the Cleveland County Rescue Squad, quickly went to work on the case.

In a very short time they were told that the boy had been seen early that morning at a service station just off I-85 on the Kings Mountain By-pass.

They quickly combed the area and found the boy at the home of some relatives who were under the impression that the boy's parents knew where he was.

He was taken to the Kings Mountain Police Department where he was reunited in a very short time with his happy father.

Oxford Wins Profile Award

Oxford Knitting Mills of Kings Mountain has received a Profile Award from North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Inc., and Radio Station WBT for outstanding contributions to the industrial growth and development of North Carolina.

The plaque, signed by John Alexander McMahon, president of North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Inc., and Charles H. Crutchfield, president of WBT, for the Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company, was presented to Oxford Knitting Mills by J. L. Wilkie, North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield representative in the Hickory District Office, following the company's appearance on the Profile radio program on WBT Sunday, August 24, 1969.

Profile is aired each Sunday afternoon on WBT Charlotte, WPTF Raleigh, and WBIG Greensboro and salutes leading industrial and business firms in the state. The purpose of these broadcasts is to assist in the campaign to attract new industry to North Carolina and to develop greater public appreciation of industry already located in the state.

James C. Gibson Rites Conducted

Businessman, Ex-State Athlete Succumbs at 47

Funeral rites for James Claude Gibson, 47, died Sunday after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage a week before. Funeral rites were held Wednesday afternoon.

His pastor, Rev. J. C. Lane, assisted by Rev. Frank Shirley, pastor of Temple Baptist church, officiated at the final rites. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Gibson, president and partner in Center Service, Inc., succumbed to a cerebral hemorrhage Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Charlotte Memorial hospital, a week after he suddenly became ill and entered the hospital. He had been in critical illness since suffering the hemorrhage a week ago.

Mr. Gibson is a graduate of North Carolina State University at Raleigh where he played football. Prior to his service duty, he attended and played football at Appalachian State University, Boone.

A member and recently-elected treasurer of Grace Methodist church, he was vice-chairman of the Kings Mountain Hospital board of trustees and a veteran of World War II serving with the Air Corps in the South Pacific.

He was a native of Great Falls, S. C., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Gibson.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia Moss Gibson; their son, five-year-old James Claude Gibson, Jr.; a brother, Gene Gibson of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. T. C. Church and Mrs. Buford Blanton, both of Gastonia; Mrs. Marcella Miller and Mrs. H. D. McDaniel, both of Kings Mountain.

Active pallbearers were Clyde Bridges, Dr. John C. McGill, Fred Withers, Charles Ballard, Owen Holmes, and Jim Dickey. Honorary pallbearers were members of the board of trustees of Kings Mountain hospital and members of the Official Board of Grace Methodist church.

Little Theatre Try-Outs Tonight

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will resume rehearsals Thursday (tonight) for the forthcoming production of "The Curious Savage."

Try-outs for two roles will be held at the meeting at 8 p.m. at the Woman's club, a spokesman said.

Persons interested in trying out for the two roles are invited to meet with members and the play cast.

Football Tickets Are Now On Sale

Season tickets are now on sale for Kings Mountain high school football games.

The duets are \$7.50, good for all home games. Tickets at the gate are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

Tickets may be purchased at the high school.

County Extends Tax Discount Time Through September; City's Tuesday

The deadline for earning the full discount on 1969 city tax bills is Tuesday.

County taxpayers have the full month of September in which to pay 1969 tax bills and earn the full two percent discount.

Jim Hardin, county tax collector, said the county commission had extended the discount period due to the fact notices have not yet been mailed. The tax department is switching to a computer system, which occasioned the delay.

"We are accepting pre-payments, of course," Mr. Hardin said, "and are giving temporary receipts. Permanent receipts will be mailed when the notices are completed."



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Two Dwellings Razed Yesterday

City workmen razed two old dwellings Wednesday, on the Ross property at the corner of Cherokee and Falls, and on the D. C. Mauney Estate property on S. Candler.

Meantime, Kelly Dixon, city codes administrator, asked indulgence of property owners on debris removal.

"Quite a few junk autos have been hauled away and several buildings razed. But if the ground has not yet been smoothed and the debris removed, please be patient. The demand is great and help is scarce," Mr. Dixon said.

He continued, "The inspector is making his rounds in the southern part of the city in the area east of the railroad. He will bother you for only a few moments."

Mr. Dixon said other complaints than on junk and dilapidated buildings come to the codes administrator's office, such as leaky sewer lines, neglected sewer apertures, horse or pony stables too near a dwellings. Legal steps are being prepared to correct several of these code violations.

"Several contacts have been made in regard to commercial buildings which are quite dilapidated. These buildings will be razed in the near future."

Noting that his City Hall basement office is lacking only a typewriter and a secretary, Mr. Dixon invited citizens to come in for a visit.

Retail Firms Close Labor Day Monday

Labor Day, Monday, September 1, will be a holiday for majority of Kings Mountain retail firms.

Most downtown merchants will close for the day. The city's financial institutions will close and school pupils will get a holiday from books.

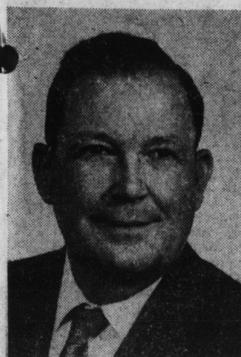
Textile plants will operate on regular schedule.

SERMON TOPIC

Dr. Paul K. Ausley will use the sermon topic, "Should We Cheat?" at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church. The Sunday morning service will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT.

Dr. Steve Harmon, city tax collector, reported collections through Wednesday of \$3,306.09 against the levy of \$266,286 (exclusive of tax bills of three utilities, Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, Duke Power Company, and Southern Railway Company).

McMackin Rites Conducted Sunday



Funeral rites for William Lindsay McMackin, Sr. were held Sunday afternoon. Mr. McMackin died Friday at the age of 61.

York County Native Suffered Hemorrhage

Funeral rites for William Lindsay McMackin, Sr., 61, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of which he was a member.

Two former pastors, Dr. W. L. Pressly of Mooresville and Rev. L. Thomas Richie of Gastonia, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. McMackin died Friday morning at 2:40 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage a week ago.

He was a native of York County, S. C., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. McMackin. A deacon of Boyce Memorial ARP church, he was employed by Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company.

For a number of years he owned and operated McMackin's Esso Service Station in Kings Mountain. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Herndon McMackin; two sons, W. L. McMackin, Jr. of Tampa, Fla., and Richard K. McMackin of Winston-Salem; three brothers, John McMackin of Gastonia, G. W. McMackin of Charlotte, and Harley McMackin of Dillon, S. C.; three sisters, Mrs. D. O. Farris of Gastonia, Mrs. William L. Pursley of Charlotte and Mrs. B. E. Shealey of Hamlet; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Arthur Walker, Hugh D. Ormand, Matthew Camp, Robert Ware, Jimmy Ware, A. P. Logan, and David Pursley. Honorary pallbearers were deacons and elders of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Grissoms Win Davis Citation

Bill Grissom, chairman of the 1969 Miss Kings Mountain Beauty Pageant, was presented a plaque for "outstanding services" by Miss Kings Mountain 1968, Jean Davis at Saturday night's pageant which crowned a new queen.

Miss Davis recognized both Mr. Grissom and his wife for "outstanding contribution to youth." As business managers for her at the state pageant, Miss Davis said Claudia and Bill Grissom were escorts, buddies and friends. She read a citation which emphasized their "understanding of people."

The reigning queen, who relinquished her title Saturday to Linda Falls and who on Sunday became Mrs. John Taylor, also publicly thanked her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Davis, and the sponsoring Jaycees.

Enrollment 4103; North School Most Populated

Kings Mountain district schools registered 4,103 pupils Wednesday, same total as on opening day Friday.

School Supt. Donald D. Jones reported: "a good opening" with a minimum of problems. He said bus routing had created "a minimum of problems" but "everything is running like clockwork now and students in the rural areas will arrive home about an hour earlier this school year than last year due to the improvements in busing."

He noted that teacher loads are well balanced with some pupils assigned this week to balance loads.

North elementary's 28-teacher plant leads Central Junior high this year as the largest, population-wise of the Kings Mountain elementary system, enrolling 765 students. Central Junior high is second with 722 seventh and eighth graders and a class of special education students.

For the first time principals are free to supervise and are not teaching classes. Richard Greene, formerly principal at Park Grace, has moved to East Park Grace school plant is being used for storage but may be used in conjunction with vocational classes at the high school, said Supt. Jones.

Two new courses are offered to high school students this year. They are Negro history and Latin IV. "This year as far as the curriculum is concerned," said Mr. Jones, "we are trying out modern innovations in teaching throughout the system." "We are most optimistic about the benefits of these new trends in teaching," he added.

Another "first" in the system this year is the centralized lunchroom program with Mrs. W. Lawrence Logan as co-ordinator. A menu for lunches each week will be published in the Herald each week. The same menu will be available to pupils at all of the schools in the system.

Population breakdown by plants are: Bethware, 297; East, 373; Grover, 414; West, 298; Central, 722; North, 765; Special Education, 56; and Kings Mountain high school, 1178.

Church Groups Sing Sunday

The congregations of Dixon and Shiloh Presbyterian churches will gather for a song service Sunday night at 7:30 at the Dixon church near Kings Mountain.

There will be no morning worship service at the Dixon church Sunday but Sunday school will be held at 9:30 a.m., L. H. Stewart, Sunday School Superintendent, announced.

Rev. Robert Wilson, pastor, issued an invitation to the interested community to join in the service in song each fifth Sunday night at the local church.

City Is Bigger, More Populous

The City of Kings Mountain is 10.26 acres larger in area and its population has increased by five as a result of a property annexation Tuesday night.

The city honored the petition of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Goforth, Jr. for inclusion of their Phifer road property in the city limits.

The Goforths have two boys, Pete and Mark, and a daughter, Scottie.

Mayor's New Home Phone Is 739-6737

Mayor John Henry Moss has a new telephone number at his residence but assures it is not a "blind" or unlisted number.

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company has changed all the Kings Mountain numbers in the 4100 series.

The Mayor's home number, formerly 739-4100, is now 739-6737.

"As always, I am available at all times in event of emergencies," the Mayor said.



QUEEN AND RUNNERS-UP — Miss Kings Mountain, 1970, Linda Falls, center, is flanked by runners-up in the annual beauty pageant: Linda Ross, left, first runner-up, and Beverly Hamrick, second runner-up. The three beauties won trophies at Saturday night's Jaycee-sponsored pageant. Miss Falls, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Falls, Jr. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Linda Falls, 18, Pageant Winner

Petite Brunette Dazzles Judges With Her Dancing

Linda Falls, 18, is Miss Kings Mountain 1970.

The green-eyed brunette daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Falls, Jr. won the judges approval Saturday night with a modern jazz dance to cop the crown over five other contestants.

She received a \$200 scholarship and two trophies from the sponsoring Kings Mountain Jaycees and will represent the city in the 1970 state pageant to name a new Miss North Carolina.

For the first time in the history of Kings Mountain beauty pageants, all contestants tied for the "Miss Congeniality" trophy, an award voted by the contestants themselves. Each contestant received one vote each. Each will receive an engraved "Miss Congeniality" trophy.

Miss Falls, an audience favorite throughout the competition in evening gown, swimsuit and talent, stands five feet six and a half inches tall. Her 112 pound figure was enhanced by a white swimsuit. For her appearance in (Continued On Page Six)

George Horvath Pleads Guilty On Two Counts Of Stock Swindles

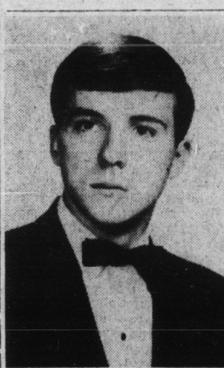
The New York Times reported in a recent edition that George A. Horvath, secretary-treasurer of Massachusetts Mohair Company, Inc., which operates a textile plant here, pleaded guilty in Federal court in New York to charges of conspiracy and unlawful selling of stock in a swindle that Government authorities say cost public investors \$1.5 million.

Mr. Horvath, 61, of 1 Beckman Place and Oyster Bay, L. I., according to the Times, admitted two of the 72 counts of an indictment filed September 22, 1966. It alleged conspiracy, fraud, and price manipulating of the stock of the Buckeye Corporation, which was traded on the American Stock Exchange and over the counter between 1959 and 1961.

On the counts admitted, according to the Times, Horvath could get up to seven years in prison and \$20,000 in fines. The remaining counts are pending.

A Federal grand jury charged that Mr. Horvath, 11 others and three corporations schemed by rigging Buckeye prices, paying secret bonuses to brokers and inflating the market. Mr. Horvath was continued free without bail by Federal Judge Edmund L. Palmieri. No date was set for sentencing.

The Times report continued that Mr. Horvath was identified in 1966 as president of the Mount Clemens Corporation, 529 Fifth Avenue, New York, which succeeded Buckeye in 1966, the president of the Landrock Realty Corporation and secretary-treasurer of the Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, all at the same address.



THOMAS H. BLACK II Wins Degree

Thomas Hilliard Black, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Black of 517 Rhodes Avenue, was graduated August 16th from Appalachian State University in Boone.

Black was among 530 students (Continued On Page Six)

City Non-Suiting, Reinstating

In a technical action, the city will non-suit then reinstitute condemnation action to obtain 150.14 acres of property needed for the Buffalo Creek lake reservoir.

City attorney Jack White told the city commission an error had been made in the initial suit on the part of the surveyor and that 22.04 acres of the 150.14 acres thought solely belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Goforth had other owners involved.

The new action will name the other owners as defendants along with Mr. and Mrs. Goforth.

In another resolution, the city commission reiterated by unanimous vote an action of June 11, 1968, in which it authorized Mayor John Henry Moss to negotiate for and acquire land required for the Buffalo Creek lake project, and to obtain whatever assistance he might require.

The board conducted a public hearing on a request of Edward G. Gibbons, who holds option on property of W. Avory Harmon on N. Candler, for re-zoning to permit building of triplexes and quadruplexes on the 13-acre tract. However, the commission deferred action until Tuesday (changed from Friday due to Labor Day weekend) at the request of the zoning board which had asked more time before making a recommendation.

Martin Harmon, member of Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, spoke informally urging immediate re-zoning action as instrumental in speeding the 50-unit leased low-rent housing project. Kings Mountain PHA has issued Mr. Gibbons a letter of intent to lease the 50-unit project, Mr. Harmon reported.

None spoke against the re-zoning. (Continued On Page Six)

Kings Mountain Favored By Ruling In Cline Condemnation Litigation

After a two-day hearing, Clerk of Superior Court Paul Wilson ruled in favor of Kings Mountain in its condemnation action against Buford Cline to acquire a tract of land required for the Buffalo Creek reservoir.

Mr. Cline immediately appealed the ruling and the appeal has been calendared by Mr. Wilson for the Superior Court civil term, Judge Fred T. Hasty of Charlotte presiding, beginning September 22.

Meantime, Mr. Wilson said Wednesday, he will proceed to appoint a three-person arbitration team, as stipulated by state law, to establish a value on the tract in question.

He told the Herald he will invite the litigants to supply a nominee each and that he would name the third member.

Mayor John Henry Moss said it is expected the city will nominate Hal S. Plonk. Mr. Cline said he has not yet determined who his nominee will be.

Specifically, Clerk of Court Wil-

son ruled that Kings Mountain has condemnation authority under the general statutes, that Mr. Cline's tract is needed to provide the city with an adequate water supply, and that the city acted in good faith in attempting to acquire the property before it filed the condemnation action.

Mr. Cline said legal papers formalizing the verbal notice of appeal will be filed by his attorney, Ernest Delaney, of Charlotte, either Thursday or Friday.

Opposing attorneys disagreed over the appeal action Monday. Verne Shive of Gastonia, representing the city, contending no appeal is in order until the Clerk has appointed the appraisal team and received its findings, Mr. Delaney saying the appeal hearing should come first.

The defense had attacked the city's right to condemn under provisions of its charter and had contended that the city had not acted in good faith in its negotiations with Mr. Cline.