

Population

Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits (1966 Census)	8,256
City Limits (Estimate 1968)	9,300

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States 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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"We're Back in Business," Neisco's Jim Dickey Says

City Board Gets Petition For Expanded Taxi Service

Study Committee Named; Dickey As Chairman

By MARTIN HARMON

A city board study committee will investigate need for additional taxicab service in Kings Mountain, as result of a petition filed with the city commission on Tuesday, signed by an estimated 200 persons.

Appearing in support of the petition were two cab operators, Pete Floyd, of Dixie Cab Company, and Wilbur Hamrick, of Liberty Cabs. The study committee, authorized by unanimous vote of the commission, and appointed by Mayor John Henry Moss, includes Commissioners Jim Dickey, chairman, W.S. Biddix and Ray W. Cline and City Attorney Jack White. The committee was asked to report no later than the meeting of December 23 and preferably by the December 9 meeting.

The petition reads: "We, the undersigned, having first hand knowledge of the shortage of taxi service in Kings Mountain, especially on the week-ends, urge you to take action to provide the people with better taxi service."

"Please consider the increase in both industry and population during the twenty years since the last franchise for new taxi cabs was granted. Of the 22 cabs currently licensed to operate in Kings Mountain, only 15 are in operation at any one time. During periods of bad weather, or busy periods, such as week-ends, it is sometimes impossible to obtain taxi service.

"Please consider the facts and help us solve this problem." Mr. Floyd told the commission, "I bring this petition at the request of most of my customers. Transportation here hasn't grown with the city."

Mr. Hamrick said, "He (Mr. Floyd) speaks for me." Mr. Floyd pointed out that a ceiling of 22 cabs had been imposed since 1949. He said weekend traffic is more than the cab industry can handle adequately. Mr. Hamrick corroborated. Both referred to traffic from grocery stores plus other normal traffic.

New Firm Opened Monday

Kentucky Fried Chicken of Kings Mountain opened for business Monday. The new Kings Mountain firm is located on East King Street in handsome new quarters. Melvin C. Faucette of Kannapolis is manager of the firm.

Buford Cline Appeals To Be Heard By Judge Ervin In Superior Court

Trial of the condemnation action on parcels owned by the city's efforts to obtain 93 acres for the Buffalo Creek reservoir dam site are scheduled to be heard in Cleveland Superior Court by Judge Sam J. Ervin III next week.

One appeal concerns points of law on rulings by Clerk of Court Paul Wilson and will be heard in judge's chambers, City Attorney Jack White said, while the second appeal—finding by three appointed commissioners that the city should pay Mr. Cline \$31,500 for the 93 acres—will be a jury trial.

"The city has placed the \$31,500 in escrow with the clerk. The point-of-law matter had initially been scheduled for hearing on Friday. However, Judge J. W. Jackson, of Hendersonville, adjourned court Tuesday morning and informed attorneys for the city and Mr. Cline that he was deferring the matter continued to following week.

Judge P. C. Fronberger, of Gastonia, was to have presided at the current two-week civil term of court, but could not do so. Meantime, Ernest S. DeLaney,



STUDENT TEACHER — Norma Lee Childers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Childers of Kings Mountain, will receive her degree in January from North Carolina University at Durham. Miss Childers, a 1965 graduate of Compact high school, is doing her student teaching at Shepherd high school, Durham, under the supervision of Mrs. N. E. Boston and Principal J. M. Schoeler.

Mrs. Butterworth Died Wednesday; Had Broken Hip

Mrs. Florence Pettingill Butterworth, 78, wife of Charles A. Butterworth, died Wednesday morning at 5 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital.

Mrs. Butterworth suffered a broken hip during a fall Saturday at her home at 107 North Gaston street. Her condition had worsened.

She was a native of New Hampshire, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pettigill. She was a member of Central United Methodist church.

Mr. Butterworth is a retired salesman. Surviving besides Mr. Butterworth are their son Charles A. Butterworth, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, two grandchildren, and her sister, Mrs. Ethel Way of Sunoco, New Hampshire.

Funeral Arrangements Incomplete

Funeral arrangements which are incomplete will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

Thornburg Hurt In Accident

Newell Thornburg, landscaper with Champion's Landscaping Excavators, was injured Saturday when a tree he had pushed up with a bulldozer slipped off the blade and knocked him unconscious.

Mr. Thornburg was clearing land for Carl Champion Saturday afternoon. He said he remembered getting off the bulldozer and going to the back of the house where a fellow worker found him and took him to the hospital. He was discharged from Kings Mountain hospital Sunday but was to enter Charlotte Memorial hospital Thursday morning for a week of tests and observations.

He sustained injuries of his right jaw and forehead, a black eye, a cut tongue, broken off tooth and bruises. The Thornburg family reside in the Oak Grove community.

North School P-TA Barbecue Dec. 5

North school Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a barbecue Friday, December 5th, with serving from 5 until 7:30 p.m. at the cafeteria.

Plates are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for students. Take-out orders will also be available, said a spokesman.

Ratterree Lions Banquet Speaker

Pride Ratterree, Kings Mountain native and assistant coach of the Peach Bowl—born Southern Carolina Gamecocks, will be principal speaker at the 20th annual football banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Coach Ratterree, who starred at Wake Forest in the forties, subsequently played professional football before entering the coaching ranks. He was assistant coach at the Citadel before joining Paul Dietzel's staff at South Carolina.

The Gamecocks won the Atlantic Coast Conference championship and will meet West Virginia in the second annual Peach Bowl game at Atlanta.

Pruitt To Show Palestine Slides

Rev. Mitchell Pruitt, pastor of Chestnut Ridge Baptist church, will show slides on Palestine, pictures he made on a recent visit to the Holy Land, Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

The program will begin a week of special services in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions on the theme, "In The Power of His Spirit."

Mrs. J. B. Keeter, prayer chairman for the Women's Missionary Society, said that prayer services will be held at the church on this schedule: Monday at 10 a. m., Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., Thursday at 3:30 p. m. and on Friday the sanctuary will be open for meditation and prayer from 10 a. m. until 8 p. m.

Volunteer Fire Group Is Made City Department

The city commission, by resolution, made the city's volunteer fire department, organized in 1931, a department of the city under the supervision, rules and regulations of the city's department of safety.

The resolution reads in part... in order to promote organized training programs, insurance benefits, and other rules and regulations which would be for the best interests of the citizens of Kings Mountain as well as for the best interest of the volunteer fire department...

The commission also authorized the Mayor to receive either formal or informal bids on a major renovation of the main floor offices at City Hall. Mayor John Henry Moss told the commission it is anticipated cost of the renovation will be less than \$7500, at which figure formal bids would be required. He noted that current estimates are preliminary.

Plans exhibited to the commissioners call for removal of all utility department bookkeeping operations to the south side of office, with this office to be enlarged by removing the partition between the present tax office and utility billing office.

The cramped Mayor's office is to be enlarged by incorporating the present, no-longer-used area occupied by the judge's bench. An oval counter, elevated 6.5 inches, will be provided for commissioners, the city clerk, city attorney and the press in the courtroom, along with a 70-seat capacity auditorium.

The board also voted to advertise for bids on a three-quarter ton truck with chassis and cab.

Mrs. Childers' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ann Delinger Childers, 35, wife of James Albert Childers, were held Sunday at 2 p.m. from Temple Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Childers died Friday morning at her home after several years' illness. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarence Delinger and a member of Temple Baptist church.

Her pastor, Rev. Frank Shirley, assisted by Rev. J. A. McGaha, a former pastor, officiated at the funeral.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Childers is survived by her son, James Albert Childers of the home; a daughter, Terri Ann Childers of home; six brothers, Harold, Thomas, Herman, Lester and Delinger, all of Cherryville; sisters, Mrs. J. A. Hubbard and Mrs. Calvin Blalock, both of Kings Mountain.

Survivors also include Mrs. David Keener of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Lonus Vanhook of Cherryville.

Funeral services were held at the home of Harold B. Furray, Norman Davis and Ray White.

Terry Kelley, 17, Badly Burned, Repaired Much Better Wednesday

Terry Kelley, 17, senior at Hunter school in Gastonia and son of Crawford Yarns and Mrs. Kelley, reported "much improvement" Tuesday after suffering three burns of the face, hands and wrists Saturday.

Mrs. Kelley said the bandages were removed Wednesday morning and her son would still require sedation. He is a patient at 245 at Gaston Memorial hospital.

She credited the credit of Reggie Link, 17, friend, Regg senior, with Hunter Huss and Terry Kelley, who had gone to the night on Saturday. Kelley's cottage was lit by the fire, and he exploded in his kitchen, in the

Kings Mountain Joins EPIC For Generating Plant Study



CHAIRMAN — Don Jones, superintendent of Kings Mountain district schools, has been appointed chairman of the mayor's committee on human relations.

Relations Body Members Named

Schools Superintendent Donald Jones is the new chairman of the mayor's committee on human relations.

Mr. Jones succeeds Rev. Robert Mann, pastor of First Baptist church, who just recently became chief of the Kings Mountain Auxiliary Police Force.

Vice-chairman of the group is Rev. R. L. Garvin, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist church. Mrs. Charles Alexander is secretary.

Newly-appointed members are Mrs. Junius Haywood and Kyle Smith.

Other members re-appointed include J. Lee Roberts, James Dickey, Grady Howard, William Orr, Mrs. Eugene McCarter, Hubert Adenholdt, Mrs. Victoria Bess and Leonard Smith.

Jaycees To Serve Family Dinner

Kings Mountain Jaycees will serve Sunday dinner at the Kings Mountain high school cafeteria Sunday from 12 noon until 2 p.m. The Family Dinner is open to the interested public, and plates will be \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The menu will feature ham with all the trimmings. Proceeds will benefit the civic club's charity projects in the area, said Bob Scoggins, chairman.

Rites On Sunday For Mrs. Reid

Funeral rites for Mrs. Bertha Taylor Reid, 73, will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at Bynum's Chapel A.M.E. Zion church.

Mrs. Reid, for the past 16 years an employee of Kings Mountain hospital, died in a New York hospital last Friday. Death was attributed to cancer.

She was the widow of Monroe Reid, Central school janitor, who died in 1936.

She was a member of Bynum's Chapel church. Surviving are five children, Paul Reid, Aaron Reid and Miss Gussie Reid, all of Kings Mountain, Miss Cuba Reid, of Newark, N. J., and Mrs. Elizabeth Reid Case, of New York City. Two children are deceased, James Reid and Lena Reid. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Emma Taylor Wilson, and a brother, Clyde Taylor, both of Kings Mountain.

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Holiday For Some Thanksgiving Day

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Commission Is Unanimous In Its Action

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain Tuesday night, by unanimous vote of the city commission, became the 24th North Carolina power-distributing city to join the Electric Power in the Carolina (EPIC) organization.

The cities distributing power, which they now purchase from three public utilities (Duke Power, Carolina Power & Light Company, Virginia Electric & Power Company), expect to collaborate in obtaining a feasibility study on whether the cities should join with the Rural Electrification Association cooperatives to build power generating facilities.

The commission vote was 5-0 in favor of Commissioner W. S. Biddix's motion, with Commissioner Ray W. Cline seconding. Commissioner Jim Dickey, not able to be present, addressed a letter of support for the action to his fellow commission members.

The study cost is to be defrayed by the participating cities on a pro-rata basis to be determined by electric energy demands.

The City of Shelby voted to participate by 4 to 3 vote. Mayor Hubert Plaster deciding the issue by voting "aye."

The city of Fayetteville, largest municipal power distributor in the state, is a member of EPIC. Other major municipal distributors in the state, is a member of EPIC. Other major municipal distributors in EPIC are Statesville, Albemarle, Lexington and Concord.

(Editor's Note: Kings Mountain joins with Fayetteville and Concord as municipal distributor with lowest rates.)

The resolution adopted by the commission Tuesday night provides that EPIC has full authority to appear in behalf of the organization before the Atomic Energy Commission, the Federal Power Commission, North Carolina Utilities commission, state and federal courts, or other agency on matters pertaining to the feasibility study.

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EVANGELIST — Rev. Ray Whittington of China Grove is evangelist for revival services which began Wednesday at Kings Mountain Church of God. Services are at 6:30 p.m. each evening and special singing each night will be a feature of the services. Rev. T. O. Dennis, pastor, said.

Apartment Is Guttered By Fire

The A. H. Cornwell Apartments, a Kings Mountain landmark on East King street, was razed by fire early Saturday.

Howard Robinson, Jr., Bessemer City realtor, who had just purchased the five-unit apartment house and was remodeling it, said the fire originated in the downstairs rear apartment where an electric heater was burning in a bathroom.

He estimated damages at \$27,000. He has insurance coverage of \$15,000.

Mr. Robinson said he had no immediate plans for replacing the apartment house and hasn't decided what he will do with the property. Mr. Robinson operates 45 rental units in Bessemer City and operates the 66 Drive-In Restaurant in Bessemer City.

Mrs. A. H. Cornwell, former owner, moved from the building last Tuesday into a house on Maple street. Miss Margaret Cornwell had moved only last week from the apartments into a home she has purchased from Mrs. Daisy Barrett Queen on Candler street.

Only one of the five-unit apartments was rented at the time of the fire. Mrs. Betty Ramsey, third shift employee, was not at home at the time of the fire which was discovered by a motorist and reported to city firemen about 11 o'clock.

According to the Kings Mountain Fire Department, the house was beyond saving when they were alerted. Only part of the walls were left standing.

PREBYTERIAN

Dr. Paul Ausley will use the sermon topic, "Deficient Religion" at Sunday morning worship service at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.

Seven Thanksgiving Services Set At Kings Mountain Area Churches

Four churches have scheduled Thanksgiving Day breakfasts and services are set by three others.

Men of the Church of First Presbyterian church will serve breakfast from 7:30 until 8:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Men of the Church of Kings Mountain Baptist church will serve breakfast from 7 until 8:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. At 9 a.m. Rev. James M. Wilder will conduct a service of worship on the theme, "How Thankful are You?"

Men of the Church of Central United Methodist church will serve breakfast from 6:30 until 9 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Rev. Charles Edwards will lead a service of worship at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast to be served by Men of the Church at 8 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. A Service of Worship will be held at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's

Chapter XI Bankruptcy Petition Filed

By MARTIN HARMON

Neisco, Inc., owner of Margrace and Pauline Mills here, filed petition for reorganization in federal district court in New York Monday under Chapter XI of the bankruptcy act.

The result, Plant Manager Jim Dickey said Wednesday afternoon, "is that operating funds in quantity are already in hand." He added, "Under the reorganization plan, we're back in business."

George Horvath, treasurer of Neisco, presented an affidavit to the court stating that an independent outside third party has agreed to provide \$1,650,000 to help in the reorganization of the firm during the voluntary (Chapter XI) bankruptcy proceedings. The third party has been identified as the Teamsters Union Pension Trust Fund.

The court named Roy Cabitt as referee in the bankruptcy proceedings.

Neisco, successor firm to Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, in addition to the two plants here, owns Belmont Mill in Shelby, under lease - purchase option to Miles Baker, also of Shelby, and another small mill in Boiling Springs, also under a lease-purchase option to another operator.

Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company purchased the seven-plant Neisler Mills, Inc., operation on December 15, 1955. Plants at Ellenboro, Mayo and Page-land, S. C., have been sold in the interim.

Neisco is a New York corporation with offices at 520 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Horvath said the firm's indebtedness stems from an insufficient cash flow, which resulted from an "inordinately high" overhead. The infusion of new capital, and a cut-back in operating expenses will enable Neisco to operate successfully again, the affidavit said. Horvath said some streamlining of overhead has already been done.

The petition listed assets totaling \$1,616,489, including inventory (pledged), \$130,000; property, plant and equipment, \$1,387,892; deposits, \$82,500. Liabilities include notes, loans and mortgages payable, \$1,754,785; accounts payable, \$334,230; taxes, \$442,568; and interest, \$303,401.

Dedication Rites Set

Dedication of two children to the church will be held at the morning worship hour at 11 o'clock Sunday at Kings Mountain Baptist church.

To be received are Kenneth Lewis Dellinger, Jr., small son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Lewis Dellinger, and Rickie Lee Willis, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lee Willis. The Sunday morning services will begin the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions which will be concluded on December 7th with the giving of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for missions. Rev. James M. Wilder, pastor, will use the sermon topic, "Additional Power."

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Lutheran church. Rev. Charles Easley will use the topic, "Known By Our Harvest." Congregations of Dixon Presbyterian church and Shiloh Presbyterian church will hold a service of worship at 9 a.m. at the Shiloh church in Grover with Rev. Robert Wilson delivering the message. The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association sponsored a community-wide Thanksgiving service Wednesday night in Central school auditorium. Dr. C. D. White, superintendent of the Gastonia District of the United Methodist church, delivered the sermon. Combined choirs of Central Methodist, First Presbyterian and Kings Mountain Baptist churches sang two anthems and various ministrations of the city offered Thanksgiving prayers and led responsive readings. Allen Jolley directed the song service and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney was organist.