

# Population

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

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 6,924 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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## Sentenced To Die Horn Gets Life In New Trial

A Grover man, Kenneth Ray Horn, 22, convicted of murder without the recommendation of mercy last September, escaped the death penalty in a new trial Monday in the Cherokee County, S.C. General Sessions Court.

Horn was convicted of murder in the December, 1964 shooting death of Jack Smith of Gaffney and was scheduled to die Friday in the South Carolina electric chair. The shooting occurred at the Road King Truck Plaza on I-85, where Smith was employed.

Approximately two weeks ago a new trial was granted by Judge Frank Eppes after several alleged judicial errors in the first case were cited by defense attorney H. R. Swink.

Several witnesses testified at the Monday hearing that on the day of the shooting, Horn came into the restaurant and quarreled with his fiancée, a waitress. He was then removed from the building but returned about 30 minutes later armed with a shotgun and pistol and shot Smith and Doc Allison, the two men who had removed him.

At Monday's trial, Swink asked that the defense be allowed to change its plea to guilty with recommendation of mercy. Judge Eppes ruled that the recommendation must come from the jury and instructed the members that the plea of guilty had been accepted.

Swink called several witnesses in an attempt to show that Horn was mentally incompetent at the time of the shooting.

After 20 minutes of deliberation, the jury recommended mercy and Horn was given a life sentence topped with a 10 year sentence to run consecutive with the life sentence after pleading guilty to assault and battery with intent to kill in the shooting of Doc Allison.

## Damages High In Accidents

Ronnie Webb Ledford, 33, of 503 North Candler street, was charged with following too closely after a three-car crash Saturday at 9:45 a.m. at the intersection of E. Gold and York road.

Patrolman Bollinger reported that cars operated by James Floyd Baily, 53, of route 3, and Linda Kay Love, 23, of 23 Dixie Trailer Park, were stopped for the light. The Ledford 1962 Chevrolet hit the rear of the Love vehicle knocking the 1963 Baily Chevrolet.

Damages totaled \$256 in a two-car crash Monday morning at 10:45 on Piedmont Avenue 200 feet from Mountain toward King, Ralph Gidney Ware, 64, of 212 E. King street, pulled from a parking space into the side of a 1962 Ford wagon owned by Manus Amos Durcan. The 1961 Chevrolet is owned by Kings Mountain Drug Company. Patrolman Bollinger reported.

Jerry Glenn Gantt, 23, of 810 Cleveland Avenue was turning to park and hit the left back side of an auto operated by Jessie Lee Dawkins, 21, of Grover. Damages were estimated at \$250 to the Dawkins car and \$50 to the Gantt vehicle, reported Patrolman Richard Reynolds.

## Bob Hayes, ex-Army Signal Corps, Eight-Year Police Force Veteran



SGEANT — Bob Hayes is a sergeant on the Kings Mountain police force. He joined the department August 1961, was recalled in the service for another year's duty and then rejoined.

## Ervin Will Rule In Cline Matter

He'll Decide Points of Law On Transcript

Points of law raised by defendant Buford Cline, in the city's condemnation against him, will be determined by Judge Sam J. Ervin III of basis of the hearing transcript.

City Attorney Jack White said attorneys for both parties had agreed to this means of determining and that Judge Ervin had agreed to make a ruling after thorough study of the transcript of proceedings before Clerk of Court Paul Wilson.

Defendant questions the city's need for the 93 acres for the Buffalo Creek reservoir dam site, the proceedings whereby the city brought condemnation action under the General Statutes of North Carolina, right of the city to condemn, and whether the city bargained in good faith.

The clerk ruled with the city on all points and Mr. Cline appealed. Judge Ervin, initially scheduled as presiding in this week's court session is holding court in Gaston, after Judge Fred T. Hasty disqualified himself from trying an obscenity case.

In turn, Judge Hasty declined to hear the point of law matter and continued it to the next term. Agreement of the attorneys means that the point of law matter will be determined by Judge Ervin.

City Attorney White said the hearing transcript is "about 200 pages and declined to guess when the Ervin ruling will be made. Mr. Cline also appealed the commissioners' award of \$31,500 for the dam site. It will be called for the subsequent term of Cleveland Superior Court.

## City Board Meets Tuesday

The city board of commissioners will hold regular meeting Tuesday night at 6 p.m., half hour earlier than the regularly scheduled meeting.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the earlier meeting is scheduled so members of the board can attend the annual Lions club football banquet to be held at 7 o'clock that evening at the Woman's club.

## Brothers-In-Law Eagled Same Hole

"It wouldn't happen again in a hundred years," says Bill McGinnis, self-admittedly bragging.

Playing the Kings Mountain Country Club golf course Sunday with Louis Sabetti, Johnny McGinnis and Jay Powell, Jr., both Bill McGinnis and his brother-in-law Mr. Sabetti recorded eagle two's on the par four 355-yard Number 2 hole.



CITED — SP/4 Larry N. Morgan of Grover was recently cited for meritorious services in Vietnam where he is a member of the Green Beret Special Forces.

## Green Beret Morgan Cited

SP/4 Larry N. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Morgan of Grover, a member of the Green Beret Special Forces in Vietnam, recently received a commendation for meritorious services in Vietnam. He is a clerk in Headquarters Company of the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam.

Before going to Vietnam, Morgan attended the clerical school in Arizona, parachute training in Georgia and then joined the Green Beret and trained with the Special Forces in Fort Bragg.

He is a 1966 graduate of Kings Mountain high school. SP/4 Morgan's address: E-237, 76-1199 HHC, 173rd Abn. Bde. Sig. Office, APO San Francisco, 96250.

## Be Yourself Says Rauch

"Just be yourself. Your true qualities will show through." Gaston Senator Marshall A. Rauch was speaking to Boy Scouts of Troop 92 of First Baptist church Tuesday night on the topic, "Being a Good Citizen."

Senator Rauch's visit was the kick-off for a new idea in Troop 92. The troop has had a great deal of re-organization and has now established a Boy Planning Committee consisting of the Senior Scouts of the troop. This committee will plan all Scout meetings and outings with adult advice and suggestions coming from the scoutmasters. Members of the Boy Committee are Frank Humphreys, chairman, assisted by John Knox, McGill, Larry Hamrick, Jr., Billy Talbert and Adrian Beam. New patrol leaders and assistants were necessary when this foursome was elevated to new job. The patrol leaders and their assistants, are Ken Cuberson, Jr. and Mark Stockton, Cat Patrol; Steve Moore and John McDevitt, Moose Patrol; Kenny Bridges and Glenn Roberts, Rattlesnake Patrol.

## Mrs. Peterson's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Sybil Taylor Peterson, 45, of 508 Rhodes Avenue, widow of William Amos Peterson, were held Monday at 3 p.m. from Grace Methodist church of which she was a member.

Rev. J. C. Lane officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Mrs. Peterson died suddenly November 29th at 9:45 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital of an apparent heart attack. She was an employee of Lambeth Rope Corporation. Her husband died in August of this year.

## Visit Bell Laboratories

Wayne Swafford, right, KMHS Senior, discusses the work of an engineer with H. B. Holton of Bell Telephone Laboratories on a recent trip to Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Helen Ausley, head of the Science department at the high school accompanied Wayne. Twenty-five science teachers and outstanding senior students from North and South Carolina high schools were entertained by Western Electric, supplier to Bell System, and Bell Telephone Laboratories, Research and Development arm of AT & T, on a tour of the Winston-Salem facility. Mrs. Dorothy Williamson, local School Representative for Southern Bell, made arrangements and provided transportation for the interesting trip.

## KM Jaycees Sponsor Yule Lighting Contest

Kings Mountain Jaycees will sponsor a Christmas lighting contest, announces Frank Hinson, chairman.

Judging will be based on originality and beauty and there will be two divisions of competition: seasonal scenes and religious scenes. Non-Jaycees will judge the entries on December 20th. Plaques will go to the winners.

Citizens may enter by contributing a \$1 minimum donation to the Toys for Tots Christmas Project of the Jaycees which will benefit from the contest. Persons who are interested in entering should address their entry to Kings Mountain Jaycees, Box 303, Kings Mountain, N. C., enclosing the minimum \$1 entry fee. Jaycees are not eligible to participate in the contest, said Mr. Hinson.

Mr. Hinson said further information about the contest may be obtained from him by calling his residence, 739-3093.

## CAGO Meeting Monday At 7

Regular meeting of the Cleveland Association of Governmental Officials will be held Monday night at 7 at Hotel Charles Dining Room, Shelby.

## Santa Needs Help In Finding Calico

Santa Claus needs some help in finding Calico, a three-year-old golden palomino meant for a present for a Charlotte youngster.

The pony was locked in a pen at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Woodward, 3000 Margrace, until Tuesday when he kicked down the door.

Nona Woodward, daughter of the Woodwards, said her family was keeping the pony until Christmas for a young nephew. She said the pony is called Calico, has a scratch on his head and bangs.

## F-TA Barbecue Friday At North

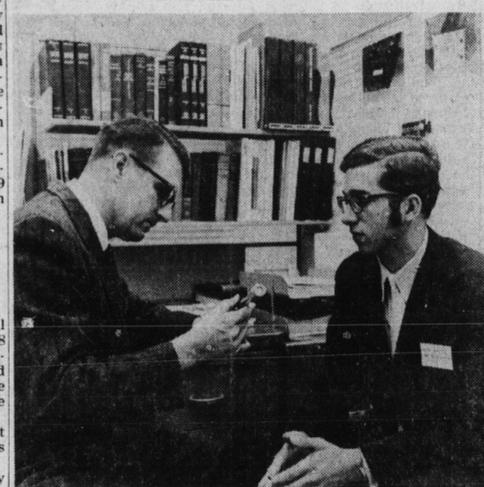
North school Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a Barbecue Friday night with serving from 5 until 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

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

## Retail Merchants Are Open Later

Kings Mountain retail merchants are remaining open later on Friday night to accommodate Christmas season shoppers.

Most stores are open each Friday evening until 8:30 p.m. John McGinnis, president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, said retailers have a good selection of gifts for every member of the family.



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# New Draft Lottery In Effect January 1; Birth Dates Key

## Methodist Choir To Sing Cantata "Bethlehem"

The Senior Choir of Central Methodist church will sing the Christmas Cantata, "Bethlehem," by J. H. Maunder Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the church.

Soloists will be Mrs. Bill Allen, Mrs. Delbert Dixon, B. S. Peeler, Jacob Dixon, and Delbert Dixon. Other choir members are: Sopranos — Mrs. Bill Tinsley, Miss Mary Alice McDaniel, Miss Bessie Bumgardner, Miss Winifred Fulton, Mrs. Guy Trout and Mrs. Bennett Masters; Altos — Mrs. Harvey Williams, Miss Marilyn Dixon, Mrs. W. A. Russell, Mrs. Gerri Werner, Mrs. Jeff Patterson, and Misses Debbie Timms, Mary Bryant, Lynn Harmon and Susan Anderson; Tenors — Bill Russell, Arthur Walker, Eugene Patterson, and Richard Etheridge; Bass — Carlton Harris, Bill Allen.

"The public is invited to attend this service of Christmas music," said Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor. The Cantata will be under the direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, organist and choir director.

## Service Men's Address Wanted

Senior Girl Scout Troop 200 is seeking the address of any Kings Mountain boys presently in Vietnam to send Christmas packages to them. These addresses may be left at 739-4462 any time after 4 p.m.

These packages will consist of various objects such as socks, washcloths, shoe polish, handkerchiefs, and other useful things. Any contributions from merchants and factories will be appreciated, a spokesman said.

Girl Scouts are also sending articles to Broughton and Western Carolina Center. These articles are as follows: Popcorn Poppers, Fishing Equipment, Lamps, Shirts, Sweaters, Housecoats, Handkerchiefs, Purse, Billfolds, Raincoats, Hand Lotion, Shaving Cream and Lotion, Magazine Racks, Clothes - Children's sizes over six, Any Adult's Sizes, Combs and Brushes, Shoe Polish, Shower Caps, Framed Pictures, Instant Coffee, Sleeping Bags, Kleenex, Belts, tamps, Stationery, Lipstick, Hair Spray, Bath Powder, Hair Rollers, Under Clothes, Musical Instruments, Deodorant, Shampoo and Creme Rinse, Toothpaste, T.V. Slippers, Children's Toys For All Ages.

"These people are in desperate need of these articles. If you can afford any of these articles we will be very appreciative," a spokesman for the Girl Scouts added.

## Oak Grove Firemen Set Turkey Shoot

Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a turkey shoot Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. at the site of the new fire station in the Oak Grove community.

"Proceeds from the turkey shoot will be used to purchase fire-fighting equipment for the department."

## BROADCAST

Sunday morning worship service during the month of December will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT from Kings Mountain Baptist church.

## BUILDING PERMIT

Building permit for a two-room garage apartment has been issued to Mrs. J. K. Willis, 700 West Mountain street. Cost estimate is \$2000 and A. C. Lail is contractor.

## Funeral Rites For Fred Cockrell Thursday; Heart Attack Fatal

William Fred Cockrell, Sr., 59, former superintendent of Grover Industries in Grover, died Tuesday morning at 6 a.m. at his home on Cherry street in Grover of a heart attack.

Mr. Cockrell had been in ill health the past two years. He was a native of Statesville who moved to Grover 22 years ago and became associated with the Dyeing and Finishing Department of Grover Industries. He was graduated from Statesville high school and Mars Hill college. He was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cockrell of Statesville.

He was a member and deacon of Shiloh Presbyterian church. Funeral rites will be held Thursday (today) at 2 p.m. from Shiloh church with his pastor, Rev. Robert Wilson, to officiate. Assisting will be Rev. U. A. Manus, Jr., pastor of Grover's First Baptist church.

# Ratterree Speaker For Football Fete



PRIDE G. RATTERREE

## Grid Banquet Lions Club's 30th Annual

Pride G. Ratterree will be the featured speaker at the 30th annual football banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

The banquet will be held at the Woman's Club with members of the high school football team, honor guests and will begin at 7 o'clock.

Another annual feature of the banquet is award of trophies to outstanding players — the Fred Plonk Blocking award, Dr. George Plonk most valuable award, and coaches awards for the most improved player of the year, the player with the best academic average, and plaques to senior members of the squad.

Mr. Ratterree is head freshman coach at the University of South Carolina and is also academic liaison man between faculty and student athletes. He played football, basketball and baseball in high school and lettered twice in basketball, three times in football at Wake Forest. He was a member of the 1946 team which helped to christen the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.

He graduated with a BS degree from Wake Forest, won a master's degree at Appalachian State in 1956.

He has coached at Staunton Military academy, Lenoir-Rhyne, Wake Forest, Davidson and The Citadel before joining the USC Gamecocks in February 1966.

Mrs. Ratterree is the former Edna Rowe, of Glen Alpine, a sister of Mrs. H. O. Williams of Kings Mountain. They have three daughters.

Members of the Lions club arrangements committee are Charles Blanton, Bill Bates and Ollie Harris.

## Jaycees To Sell Christmas Trees

Kings Mountain Jaycees will sell Christmas trees again this year to benefit charity projects.

The trees go on sale Friday at the Jaycee Tree Lot on East Mountain street across from the Woman's club. Prizes vary from \$2 to \$5.

Jaycees will man the Tree Lot Headquarters from 3 until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and all day Saturday.

Gerald Carrigan is chairman of the project and co-chairmen are Jerry Dover and John Mitchell. "Come early for a good choice of Christmas trees," said Mr. Carrigan.

## Top 30 Draft Birthday List

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- 2—April 24
- 3—Dec. 30
- 4—Feb. 14
- 5—Oct. 18
- 6—Sept. 6
- 7—Oct. 26
- 8—Sept. 7
- 9—Nov. 22
- 10—Dec. 6
- 11—Aug. 31
- 12—Dec. 7
- 13—July 8
- 14—April 11
- 15—July 12
- 16—Dec. 29
- 17—Jan. 15
- 18—Sept. 26
- 19—Nov. 1
- 20—June 4
- 21—Aug. 10
- 22—June 26
- 23—July 24
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- 9. W
- 10. P
- 11. Q
- 12. Y
- 13. U
- 14. C
- 15. F
- 16. I
- 17. K
- 18. H
- 19. S
- 20. L
- 21. M
- 22. A
- 23. R
- 24. E
- 25. B
- 26. V

BAKE SALE  
 Young people of El Bethel Methodist church will sell hot-dogs and homemade cakes Saturday from 5:30 until 9 p.m. at El Bethel Methodist church.