

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 Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,950 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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Opening Of Improved NC 161 Is Few Days Distant



PRINCIPALS, 30TH ANNUAL LIONS FOOTBALL BANQUET — Award winners, USC Freshman Coach Pride Ratterree, and KMHS Coach Bill Bates are pictured at Tuesday's Lions club football

banquet. Left to right are Jerry Lovelace, Coach Ratterree, Philbert Smith, Charles Barnes, Bobby Ethridge, Chuck Hoyle and Coach Bates.

City Sets Fluoridation Vote For Saturday, February 7th

City Employees Will Get Yule Bonus, Holidays

City employees with a year's service will get a week's pay as a Christmas bonus, the city commission voted Tuesday night.

Employees with less than a year of service will receive one-twelfth on one week's pay for each month of service.

Volunteer firemen will receive \$25 each.

All employees except the office staff will get holidays on December 24 and 25 and January 1, while the office staff will holiday on December 25 and 26 and January 1.

In other actions the commission:

- 1) Accepted low bid of Southwell Motor Company at \$2601 for a three-quarter ton truck chassis for the water-sewer department. Dixon Chevrolet Company bid \$2702.
- 2) Adopted a resolution approving conditions under which relocation payments will be paid to persons displaced from their residences due to federal projects and named the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission as agent for superintending the relocations. (Joe Laney director of the commission, said the resolution is immediately concerned with the water project, where properties occupied by some families will be inundated.) The federal government provides subsidies, based on formulae, to ease relocation financial differentials.
- 3) Adopted rules and regulations for the Kings Mountain Fire Department. (The rules and regulations formalize present policies of this and other departments under state law and/or regulations.)

Commissioner Jim Dickey, chairman of a committee to study and make recommendations on a citizens' petition for improved taxi service told the commission his committee wasn't ready to report, adding, "We will report at a subsequent meeting."



DAR CITIZEN — Jane Yates has been named DAR Good Citizen for 1969 by Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Yule Lighting Entries Invited

Entries are still invited from area citizens in the Kings Mountain Jaycees' first annual outdoor Yule lighting contest.

Judging will be based on originality and beauty and there are two divisions of competition: seasonal scenes and religious scenes.

Prizes will go to the winners on December 20th.

To enter citizens are asked to contribute a minimum \$1 donation to the Toys for Tots Christmas project of the Jaycees which will benefit from the contest.

Persons interested should contact Frank Hinson, chairman, or address their entry to him at Box 303, Kings Mountain.

Jaycees are not eligible to enter the contest and non-Jaycees will judge the entries, said Mr. Hinson.

LODGE MEETING

An emergent communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM for work in the third degree will be held Monday night at 7 p.m. at Masonic Hall, according to announcement by T. D. Tindall, secretary. Refreshments will be served.

HAS BROKEN HIP

Mrs. J. C. Plonk, of Hickory, suffered a broken hip in a fall at her home last Friday. She is a patient at Memorial Hospital, Room 313, Hickory.

Stores Open Later Beginning Monday

Kings Mountain retail merchants will be open every night until 9 until Christmas beginning Monday to accommodate Christmas season shoppers.

Most stores will be open until 8:30 again this Friday night.

Neisco Creditors First Meeting Is December 30

First meeting of creditors of Neisco, Inc., has been set for December 30, according to notice received from Roy Babbit, referee in bankruptcy.

Neisco own Marguerite and Pauline plants here and two in Shelby which it had leased to other operators with purchase options.

Neisco filed voluntary petition of bankruptcy in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on November 24.

In the statement accompanying the bankruptcy petition, George Horvath, treasurer, listed asset of \$1,616,489, the major item being property, plant and equipment valued at \$1,387,982.

Liabilities (current) totaled \$3,037,478, including notes, loans

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Smith Most Valuable of '69, Jerry Lovelace Best Blocker



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Hoyle, Barnes, And Ethridge Award Winners

Five seniors won awards Tuesday at the 30th annual Lions club football banquet at the Woman's Club.

Senior tailback Philbert Smith, who led the Mountaineers in both rushing and scoring, was named winner of the George Plonk Most Valuable Player Award, tackle Jerry Lovelace received the Fred Plonk Blocking Trophy, end Bobby Ethridge and halfback Charles Barnes were winners of Most Improved Player trophies and halfback Chuck Hoyle was named winner of the John Gamble Scholastic Award.

It was the first time in the seven-year history of the most improved player award that the trophy was won by more than one player, although there have been co-recipients of the MVP and blocking awards.

In addition to being named the most valuable player, Smith received a certificate for being selected to the All-Conference team and was also recognized as the Southwest Conference back of the year, an honor given him at the Gastonia Gazette football banquet Monday night.

Smith gained 898 yards and scored 54 points to lead the Mountaineers to a 5-4-1 record, their best in five years. For the season he averaged 7.7 yards per carry. He went over the 100 yard mark three different times, against South Point, Crest and Bains, and he was close to the century figure on several occasions.

Against Bessemer City in the season opener, he carried only five times but picked up 99 yards, an average of 19.8 yards per carry.

Lovelace is another in a long list of outstanding tacklers who have captured the Blocking Trophy, which has been awarded longer than any other prize.

It was Lovelace's blocking that enabled backs such as Smith to run as well as they did. Against South Point, it was his block that



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Herndon Heads Road Committee

William Herndon has been named chairman of the city's highway coordinating committee.

Other members are L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, chairman of the city's industry committee, Carl F. Mauney, chairman of Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission, Mag-

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Masons Tap Clayvon Kelly

William Clayvon Kelly was elected Worshipful Master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM at a regular communication of Masons Monday night.

He will succeed William E. Sellers in January.

Other new officers will include Billy H. Hawkins, Senior Warden; James W. Rushing, Junior Warden; Marion T. Williams, treasurer; Thomas D. Tindall, elected secretary; and Kenneth E. Morrison, three year trustee.

Open installation of officers will be held the first Monday night in January 1970. Robert B. Leonard, Past Master, will serve as installing officer and J. Ralph Harrison, Past Master and certified lecturer will serve as marshal.

"The public is invited to attend the installation service," said Master Sellers.

Ball Succeeds Joe Lee Woodward

City Police Officer Ewart Ball succeeds Joe Lee Woodward as school trustee officer.

Mr. Woodward retired two weeks ago.

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Few Low Numbers Among Cleveland Draft Eligibles At 1 Wednesday

As of 1 p.m. Wednesday, the Cleveland County draft board was finding "few men with low numbers," Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board told the Herald.

The Cleveland board, along with all others in the nation, was closed for public business Wednesday, as a new filing system was being set up to implement the new selective service law. The system reverts to the World Wars I and II effective January 1.

"Should this trend of few low numbers to fill quotas or not,"

Some 18,000 Clevelanders are now in the so-called active files—those who registered in 1948 and since. However, majority of these, under present laws are "over-ripe" for service.

President Nixon, meantime, ordered a study of loopholes, some already apparent, others not necessarily so, in the new draft law passed by the recent Congress.

Five Clevelanders were included in the December draft call and have already reported for duty.

No January call has yet been received, Mrs. Newman said.

Methodist Choir To Sing Cantata

The 26-voice Chantel choir of Grace United Methodist church will sing the Christmas Cantata, "Born A King," music and text by John W. Peterson, Sunday at 5 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The cantata is under the direction of Robert Cashion, organist and choir director.

Soloists for the program will be Miss Marcelle Lutz, and Mrs. Frank Hinson, soprano; Mrs. Roy Pearson, alto; and Gene Yates, tenor.

Narrator for the cantata will be the Rev. J. C. Lane, pastor of the church. Ushers will include Rocky Carroll, Jeff Crawford, Bobby Lane, Scott Price, Curtis Salmons and Jeep Wilson. Acolyte will be Carl Roams.

Members of the Chantel Choir are: Soprano — M.S. Chakras Lalweli, Mrs. Gladys Brance, Mrs. Margie Deinger, Mrs. Frank Hinson, Miss Jessie Joans; M.S. Lily King, Miss Kathy Lane, Miss Marcelle Lutz, Mrs. Bill McAnnis, Mrs. Barry Robinson, Mrs. Lynnet Ross and Miss Peggy Bass; Alto — Mrs. David Bass, Mrs. Lawrence Bennett, Miss Pat Lane, Miss Lorraine Jones and Mrs. Roy Pearson; Tenor — Scott Bennett, Arthur Finley, Billy King and Gene Yates; Bass — Lawrence Bennett, Bill McAnnis, Roy Pearson, Earl Price and Barry Robinson.

"Born A King," portrays the miraculous birth of the incarnation. Passages from Matthew and Luke weave this story into an unforgettable night—a night when centuries old prophecy came true, a night when shepherds were awe-stricken by a heavenly host that told of the birth of the Prince of Peace, a night when God sent his only begotten Son to be born of a virgin for the redemption of a world of sinners. Here, too, was a story of love, but not love as natural man knows it. This love knows no bounds. It is limitless and absolute and it was first manifested on that night so long ago, the Prince of Peace, Born A King.

Bad Weather Delays Two-Day Paving Work

North Carolina Highway 161 South will be opened to traffic within a few days, pending a weather break to permit an estimated two days of paving work.

Initially scheduled for opening Tuesday, the opening was delayed because bad weather had prevented curb and gutter in the area immediately south of the I-85 - NC 161 bridge, highway engineers said.

The road is being opened well ahead of its designated July 1970, completion date. The contract to the G. C. Tate Construction Co. of Concord was let in November 1968, and the overall cost of the project was about \$1 million.

K. E. Mauney, 12th Division Engineer with the State Highway Commission, said that the traffic department has completed centerline marking and signing. The new section is two-lanes, 24 feet wide plus shoulders.

A complete new section of the road has been constructed to replace the section familiarly known as "the gap in the mountain," which was plagued with circuitous approaches, particularly hazardous in rain and snow.

Informational Poll Is Third Here Since '57

The city commission Tuesday set the date for the city's third informational election on fluoridating the city's water supply for Saturday, February 7.

The city commission did not spell out the ground rules, such as hours of voting.

It is anticipated that regular hours (6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) will be set and that other requirements of an "official" election will be employed, with the exception that the registration books will not be opened.

Spearheading the revived fluoridation movement are the Kings Mountain Jaycees, with Gerald Thomasson serving as chairman.

After a commission-appointed study committee split 6 to 6 on recommendation that the commission implement fluoridation without a voter referendum, the commission last month said it would call the informational referendum. An official or binding referendum would require an act of the General Assembly which will not convene for another 14 months.

Mayor John Henry Moss told the commission there was no question about obtaining sufficient contributions to finance the informational poll as he alluded to the advice of City Attorney Jack White who said the attorney general had ruled informational polls could not be conducted at city expense.

In 1957, citizens voted by about 2 to 1 in favor of fluoridating the water supply. The administration did not implement and ordered another poll in 1959, when the voters did an about-face and voted by greater margin against fluoridating.

Lemmons Gets Active Sentence

Rudolph Lemmons, Jr. of Grover was sentenced Monday to 18 months in prison upon pleading guilty to charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

The charge has been pending against Lemmons since last summer.

Lemmons' attorney C. C. Horn asked Superior Court Judge Sam Ervin III to consider letting pay a fine in the case. Horn told the judge that Lemmons is facing much more serious charges in Gaston County.

Solicitor Hamp Childs told Judge Ervin he objected to the defense proposal only because Lemmons has been charged with another crime while free on bond. Lemmons was charged with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with an alleged attempt to take a Kings Mountain cab driver's billfold.

As soon as the judge pronounced sentence, Lemmons instructed Horn to file notice of appeal. Judge Ervin raised bond in the case from \$500 to \$2,500. Lemmons was jailed in lieu of bond.

Baptist Choirs To Lead Service

Junior and Senior Choirs of Kings Mountain Baptist church will lead a choral and candle-lighting service, "Even Unto Bethlehem," Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

Narrator for the service will be Mrs. James M. Wilder. The congregation will join in the singing of several familiar Christmas carols.

The Cantata is a five-part one: "Bethlehem Land of Judah"; "The Shepherds of Bethlehem"; "The Manger of Bethlehem"; "The Wise Men Come To Bethlehem"; and "Bethlehem In Our Hearts Today."

The Junior Choir will sing "Wind Through the Olive Trees" and "Away In A Manger." The Men's Chorus will sing "We Three Kings" and the spiritual, "Go Tell It To The Mountains."

Mrs. R. G. Franklin, soprano soloist, will sing, "The Watchers of the Night" and James Stoll, tenor soloist, will be featured in "O Holy Night."

Rev. James M. Wilder will lead the candlelighting service which will conclude the program.

Heavy Feet In Park Bring Traffic Fines

Kings Mountain National Military Park Superintendent Gen. E. Moomaw announces that due to greatly increased visitation and the detour of Route 161 through the Park, law enforcement activities have had to be greatly increased in order to protect park visitors and facilities.

As a result, 23 violation notices for traffic offenses alone were issued between November 21 and December 2.

Twenty-one cases were disposed of by United States Commissioner William Spencer, Rock Hill, South Carolina, on December 5. A total of \$540.00 was levied in fines. Two of those cited did not appear and warrants for their arrest have been issued by Commissioner Spencer.

Old Letter From Chicago Engineer Recalls Struggle For Utilities

Improvements were less than initial estimates and 2) his estimates on the Buffalo Creek water project appear close to target center, pending completion of land acquisition.

The letter, found by Billy Sanders, 911 Church street, among the effects of his mother Mrs. John Henry Moss has been using recently to tease the city's veteran consulting engineer Col. W. K. Dickson. "That was 1906," the Mayor jests, "and you won't guarantee us anything."

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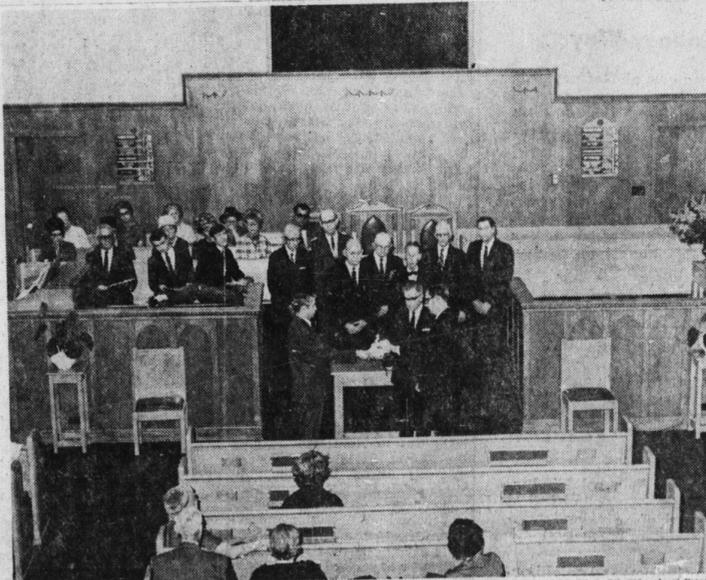
"I guarantee the cost will not exceed my estimate under a bond of \$5000..." wrote George Cadogan, 160 Jackson Blvd., Chicago, hydraulic, electrical and sanitary engineer.

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Specifically, G. Cadogan Morgan wanted to engineer the Honorable Mayor (G. W. Kendrick) and town council of Kings Mountain

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NOTE DURING CEREMONY — Members of Second Baptist church held their first note during ceremony recently and burned the notes due on the fellowship building. The church also came a step closer in completing the payment for the sanctuary and educational complex. Deacons and trustees who participated in the service, from left to right, are Mike Minnix, Cecil Owens, Richard Earnette, W. H. Redmond, T. R. Dalton, Dewey Allen, M. C. Wood, C. M. Lankford, C. E. King and Wesley Kiser. The fellowship building consists of a large dining room, complete kitchenette, a stage and back patio.