

## 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 1968, and includes the 14,980 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,924 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder State Township in Gaston County.

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## Taxi Franchises Upped Four To 26

### Rites Conducted For S. A. Crouse

#### Funeral Held For Former City Clerk

Funeral rites for Sylvanus Arthur Crouse, 82, onetime City Clerk and an agent for a number of years for Pilot Life Insurance Company, were held Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church of which he was a member.

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

Active pallbearers were James Herndon, George H. Mauney, Joe Smith, Jacob Cooper, Carl Finger and Dr. W. L. Mauney.

A native of Gaston County, Mr. Crouse was son of the late C. S. Crouse and Frances Carpenter Crouse. He was Past Master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM of Kings Mountain. He had long been active in the Democratic Party in Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maude Rudisill Crouse; two daughters, Mrs. Joe C. Hedden of Kings Mountain and Mrs. W. D. Kerns of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren. Mr. Crouse died Saturday morning at 5:15 in the Kings Mountain hospital after a week's illness.

### PHA Re-elects McGill, Tate

John L. McGill has been re-elected chairman and Brooks R. Tate vice-chairman of Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, Inc.

The low-rent housing agency was constituted in January 1966 and is currently building 150 units on nine sites within the city.

Mr. McGill and Mr. Tate were re-elected at a meeting of the directors Tuesday night. Other members are William Orr, Carl Wilson and Martin Harmon.

The directors also named A. E. (Jim) Conner as the authority's maintenance director. He will assume his duties when the initial units completed are occupied.

Tom Harper, executive director of the low-rent housing agency will be at City Hall from 9 a.m. to noon again Saturday to accept applications for low-rent housing. Meantime, he was to confer with a regional representative of the Housing and Urban Development department Thursday to establish a firm schedule for rentals and tests of persons eligible for the low-rent units.

On the recent Saturday, 21 family applications for the low-rent housing units were received.

### Bailey Rites Held Sunday

Funeral rites for Lee Roy Bailey, 56, of 517 Belvedere Circle, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. from First Nazarene church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. C. A. Bost officiated at the final rites.

Mr. Bailey died Friday morning at 3 a.m. in Veteran's Hospital, Oteen, after several months' illness.

He was a native of Georgia, son of H. G. Bailey and the late Nancy Oliver Bailey. He was a former Mauney Mill employee.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Bailey, Ricky Bailey and Ronnie Bailey; four daughters, Rachel Bailey, Elaine Bailey, Charlene Bailey and Patricia Bailey; one brother, C. T. Bailey of Kings Mountain; and three sisters, Mrs. Junius Boles of Greenville and Mrs. Albert Hicks and Miss Ruth Bailey, both of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Bailey served in the Pacific during World War II and was a Purple Heart veteran.



**WINS MEDAL** — Sgt. Keith Gore has received the Army Commendation Medal while serving with the Army in Korea.

### Keith Gore Commended

Sgt. Raymond Keith Gore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gore of Kings Mountain, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal while serving in Korea.

Sgt. Gore is married to the former Betty Brooks of Kings Mountain. They are parents of a 12-month-old son, Chris.

The award was for meritorious service as administration NCO and office manager at Headquarters 1 Corps from June 1959 to February 1970.

The citation read: "During this period Sgt. Gore distinguished himself by his superior initiative and dedication in the performance of his duties. His extensive knowledge of office management and administrative procedures contributed immeasurably to the smooth and efficient functioning of his section. His superior performance of duty is evidenced by his being selected as both battalion and 1 Corps Soldier of the Month. Sgt. Gore's initiative, professional competence and devotion to duty earned him the respect and admiration of subordinates, contemporaries and superiors alike. His exemplary performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself, 1 Corps Group and the United States Army," said Lt. General Patrick F. Cassidy.

### CAGO To Honor Max Hamrick

The Cleveland County Organization of Governmental Officials will honor Max Hamrick, recently retired acting county manager, for his 29 years of service to the county.

He will be honored at the February 11 meeting to be held at Kings Mountain Country Club. Mr. Hamrick served as deputy clerk court, county auditor and tax supervisor; and finally as acting county manager before his retirement December 31.

Mayor John Henry Moss, completing a second term as CAGO chairman, said David Gillespie, associate editor of the Charlotte Observer and former editor of the Shelby Daily Star, will be featured speaker for the meeting, at which new officers will be installed.

Mayor John Henry Moss and Building Inspector Kelly Dixon have swapped offices temporarily.

The Mayor had to be ejected in order that the renovation of the City all west wing could continue and moved to the basement.

The swap works very well as Mr. Dixon is supervising the extensive renovation.

About two weeks more work remain to complete the job.

### Board Wants All-Night Co-Op Set-Up

Taxi service in the city will be expanded to 26 by the addition of four cabs, the city board of commissioners voted Tuesday night.

Approval followed recommendation by a special committee headed by Comm. Jim Dickey and after a petition for the expansion was signed by 200 citizens and business firms and presented to a recent meeting of the board. It was at the request of some taxi operators that the taxi study be undertaken. Other operators took the opposite point of view.

No taxi franchises have been added here since 1949, said Comm. Dickey who noted that in 1940 Kings Mountain had an approximate population of 6,500 persons. In 1969, Kings Mountain had an approximate population of 9,300 and an estimate from the 1966 census revealed that Greater Kings Mountain had a population of 22,000.

In recommending the addition of four new franchises, Comm. Dickey said his committee recommends also that "the taxi companies work out among themselves an arrangement so that adequate 24 hour service will be available; that the present franchises be operated and executed in a more businesslike way. In that we mean they should be on the yard and working unless there is sickness, breakdown or some other respectable excuse; that no franchise issued by the city be assigned, sold or transferred unless approval is granted by the mayor and the city board and without such approval any sale, transfer or assignment shall be null and void without any effect."

The recommendation passed unanimously and the board established a 30 day period from January 14 to February 14 to receive applications.

One taxi operator, Bonnie Burton, criticized the move, saying the taxi business was better 22 years ago than it is today. "Putting on more cabs will cut our jobs half in two," he said. "Every house in town has one and two cars in their yards," he noted, and added, "We can't keep a good car in shape if we can't get enough business. Ladies don't like to sit in a 'trap'."

Taxi driver Wilbur Hamrick commented before adjournment that some consideration be given to raising the mayor's salary "before we lose a good mayor," he said. Hamrick's remarks were in apparent reference to reports that Mayor John Henry Moss is under consideration for the post of Gastonia city manager, though the mayor says he hasn't been officially contacted about the job. Moss pointed out to Hamrick that his salary is not set by the board but is established by the state legislature.

### GOP Precinct Meetings Set

East and West Kings Mountain Republicans will hold precinct meetings Saturday, January 31st, at 2:30 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Armory.

New precinct officers are to be elected and all GOP'ers are urged to attend.

The GOP county convention is slated for Saturday, February 14th, 2:30 p.m. at the Cleveland County Courthouse, Shelby.

### Dorcy Rites Held Sunday

Funeral rites for Lester Lee Dorcy, 62, of 205 S. Piedmont Avenue, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in Big Springs Baptist cemetery at Hollis, N. C.

Rev. Mitchell Pruitt and Rev. Frank Shirley officiated at the final rites.

Mr. Dorcy died Friday night at 9:30 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after several year's illness.

He was a former employee of the Boston Yarn Mill, Lincolnton. He was a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist church.

### Regular Pattern For Fluoride Vote



**REAPPOINTED** — Martin L. Harmon has been reappointed to a five year term on the Kings Mountain Housing Authority. Mr. Harmon's three-year term expired this month.

### Herald Editor Is Reappointed

Herald Editor Martin Harmon has been reappointed to a five-year term on the Kings Mountain Housing Authority.

Mr. Harmon's appointment was made by the city board of commissioners Tuesday night.

Mr. Harmon has served on the housing body since its inception, said the mayor in recommending his re-appointment.

Mr. Harmon served as acting secretary of the Public Housing Authority until the appointment of the executive director Thomas W. Harper.

### Gene Dye Opens Electrical Firm

Gene Dye has announced the opening of his Dye Electric Company at 802 Henry Street.

Mr. Dye has spent more than 17 years in the electrical trade with York Electric Company and Moss Electric Company.

The firm will offer residential, commercial and industrial contracting as well as repair service, exclusive of small appliances.

Mr. Dye is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dye. He is a member of First Baptist church and a Sunday School teacher there.

His wife is Joyce Dixon Dye. They have two sons, Rex, age 8, and Barney, age 11.

### John (Moore) Harris, 68, Killed When Hit By Car; Driver Charged

John (Little Johnny) Moore Harris, 68, Negro, was killed Monday night at 6:31 p.m. when struck by a car on U. S. 74 200 yards outside the city limits near Rock Motel.

Police charged Bennie Lee Stafford, 48, Negro, of 307 Moore street, Gastonia, with leaving the scene of an accident and murder by automobile. He is free on \$5,000 bond.

Bennett Masters, assistant coroner, who conducted an autopsy said Harris died instantly of head and internal injuries. A second car, reportedly operated by Edward W. Kirby, ran over Harris' body and stopped on top of it, according to investigating officers, State Highway Patrolman J. L. Evans and Police Chief Thomas McDevitt. Officers said no charges were filed against Kirby. They said it was necessary to await a jack before the Kirby vehicle could be lifted and Harris' body removed.

According to witnesses at the scene of the accident, Harris was crossing U. S. 74 just west of the city when he was reportedly struck by the Stafford 1967 model Ford. The Stafford car stopped at the scene but the driver allegedly jumped back into his

### Registration Books Won't Be Opened

Ground rules for the informational referendum on the question of fluoridating the city's water supply — with the exception there will be no registration of new voters — will compare to regular city elections.

The fluoridation vote will be conducted at the six ward polling places on Saturday, February 7, from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The city commission adopted the rules Tuesday night.

Other items:

- 1) Assistance may be given to a physically disabled person by a relative or by another person designated by the voter.
- 2) Absentee voting will not be permitted.
- 3) Only those persons whose names appear in the official registration books may vote.

The ballot will read: "Shall fluoride be added to the water supply of the City of Kings Mountain?"

"For adding fluoride." "Against adding fluoride."

Kings Mountain voters, also in informational polls, favored adding fluoride in 1947, opposed it in 1949.

The Kings Mountain Jaycees, leading the pro-fluoride movement, asked permission of the city to use its addressograph plates in the utility department for distribution of publicity materials. The commission voted to permit use of the plates by both proponents and opponents.

### Collins Inquest Jury Is Sworn

A six-man coroner's jury was sworn at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to conduct an inquest into the death of James S. Collins.

Serving on the jury are Rev. D. B. Alderman, George B. Hord, Lloyd E. Davis, Bill Dover, Hall Goforth and Ambrose Cline.

Young Collins, 19, died of gunshot wounds in the head early the morning of January 4.

Date for the inquest will be Friday, January 23 at 5 p.m. at the county courthouse, County Coroner J. Ollie Harris said.

### DIXON SERVICE

Sunday morning worship services will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Dixon Presbyterian church with Rev. Robert Wilson delivering the sermon.



**SNOW SCENE**—Last week the mercury punched the bottom from the thermometer and citizens experienced more pain from the Arctic air than from the area's second snowfall of the year. Monday was a snow holiday from school and the youngsters bundled up in warm clothes and enjoyed themselves. Isaac Alexander took this photograph on West Gold street. From left to right, Janet Darling, Sheila Beatty and Cindy Darling.

## Youth To Become Members Of All City Commissions



**OFFICER** — Cameron Ware of Kings Mountain has been elected first vice-president of the newly formed North Carolina Horticultural Council, Inc. President of the association is G. N. Noble of Trenton. Vassar Shearson of Wake Forest is second vice-president and Hugh Vann of Raleigh is secretary-treasurer.

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### Teachers To Work Coming Saturday

Kings Mountain district school pupils, in spite of Monday's holiday due to snow, will still have a one-day weather "reserve".

Original plan called for Friday to be a pupil holiday for teacher evaluation day — a work day for the faculty.

Friday will not be a pupil holiday and the teacher evaluation day will be Saturday, Superintendent Don Jones has announced.

### Bulwinkle Seeks Froneberger Seat

Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia, N. C., Chief District Judge of the 27th Judicial District, today filed with the State Board of Elections notice of candidacy for the Superior Court Judgeship of the 27th Judicial District, now held by Judge C. Froneberger of Gastonia.

Judge Froneberger has announced that he would not seek reelection to the office he has held since 1955.

Judge B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby, N. C., will be the senior resident Superior Court Judge of this district after the retirement of Judge Froneberger.

Judge Bulwinkle was elected a District Court judge in 1968, and was appointed Chief District Judge by the late Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker in January, 1969, following the resignation of Judge W. J. Allran of Cherryville, N. C.

The 27th Judicial District includes Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln Counties.

### Rites Conducted For Mrs. Wise, 84

Funeral rites for Mrs. Martha Sisk Wise, 84, widow of Henry W. Wise who died in 1961, were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from El Bethel Methodist church, interment following in El Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Wise died Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after illness of several years.

She was a native of Lincoln County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Sisk.

Surviving are three sons, Woodward Wise, J. C. Wise and Rockford Wise, all of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Craig Arrowood of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Earl Bradshaw of Dallas; and eight grandchildren.

Rev. E. L. Murphy officiated at the final rites.

**HOSPITALIZED**  
Humes Houston, veteran member of the sales staff at Kings Mountain Drug Company, underwent surgery Monday at Kings Mountain hospital and was "doing well."