

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 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

City Gets \$28,215 Parks-In-Cities Grant Reservation

PHA Rent Schedule Reported



SELECTED FOR RUSSIAN TOUR—Four Kings Mountain high school students will join a Soviet Union Concert Tour this summer called Good News Singers of America. From left to right, they are Jack Bell, Cynthia Alexander, Linda Ross and Leon Ross. Van H. Ramsey, minister of music at Shelby's First Baptist church, will direct the concert group of Cleveland County young people. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Russian Tour In Music Group For Students

Cynthia Alexander, Jack Bell, Leon Ross, and Linda Ross, students at Kings Mountain high school, have been selected for the Soviet Union Concert Tour, sponsored by Intourist, the official agency for all travel to and from the Soviet Union. The primary object is to aid many of America's outstanding choruses and instrumental ensembles in the planning and executing of international tours.

Van H. Ramsey, who will direct the group of 150 young people from North Carolina is minister of music at Shelby's First Baptist church. Mr. Ramsey is one of six men throughout the United States, selected to head a concert tour of the Soviet Union in 1970. He calls his group the Good News Singers of America. James A. Berry, minister of music at Myers Park Baptist church, Charlotte, N. C. will act as assistant director.

Concerts will be arranged in churches, cathedrals, universities, military installations, town halls, outdoor theatres, shops, over news media, and in U. S. embassies. The repertoire will include music from both American and Russian composers.

Cynthia Alexander, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Alexander of 111 Country Club Drive. She is a member of the First Baptist church, where she is a member of the choir and assistant organist. Miss Alexander, who plans to major in music, plays the piano, the organ, and the accordion. Miss Alexander is a soprano in the school choir and is a voice student with Allen Jolley.

Jack Bell, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bell of Route 1. His school activities and honors include baseball, basketball, vice-president of the Key club, president of the sophomore.

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Bethlehem Firemen Will Stage Miss Big B Contest Saturday

Names of the contestants and the 10 finalists in the first annual Miss Big B Beauty Pageant are secret.

To learn their identities, you will need a ticket for the pageant to be staged Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at Bethware school.

The fun show is sponsored by the Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department and proceeds will be used to purchase fire-fighting equipment.

Reserved seat tickets are on sale at Herman Blalock Grocery, G. A. Lail's Grocery, Cash Gro-

Bob Maner Files For Commission

Bob Maner, 42, Kings Mountain insurance agency owner, has filed notice of candidacy for the county commission, subject to the May Republican primary.

Mr. Maner has been active in GOP politics for several years and has twice carried the party's banner in elections. He unsuccessfully sought a county board of education position in 1962 and a house seat in 1964.

He was a leader in Representative James C. Broyhill's successful candidacy for re-election in 1968, is the secretary of Cleveland Republicans and former chairman of West Kings Mountain precinct.

On filing, he issued the following statement:

"Cleveland County has enjoyed much economic and social progress in the past dozen or so years. Shelby leadership was superior in the late 50's and continues with all areas benefiting. Kings Mountain Municipal Government has been quite effective in recent years and moves into the 70's with much optimism. Upper Cleveland County is privileged to have good leadership and has moved forward with industry-acquisition and water system installation. Progress is evident everywhere in the southwestern part of the county.

"The problems of government tend to increase with progress, and the need for cooperation between local, county, state and federal bodies as vital. It is my sincere desire to become a part of the county legislative process and to serve skillfully."

Mr. Maner is a graduate of Davidson college and holds a master's degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was dis-



BOB MANER

Funeral Held For Mrs. Ware

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ethel Ware, wife of Ralph (Babe) Ware, former Kings Mountain policeman and now an employee of Kings Mountain Drug Company, were held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from Central United Methodist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Ware died Tuesday morning at 7:30 in the Kings Mountain hospital after declining health for some time. Death was attributed to cancer.

She was a native of Cherokee County, S. C., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wilson.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. (Continued On Page Six)

Five Applicants For Franchises

Five applications have been received for the four additional taxi franchises that the city commission has voted to issue.

Applicants are William Earl Allen, Paul R. Sanders, Clark J. Rushing, Stephen E. Rathbone and J. Earl Stroupe.

The city commission on January 13 also voted a 30-day application period for the additional franchises.

Maximum Income Schedule Also Is Announced

By MARTIN HARMON

Rent schedule for Kings Mountain's low-rent housing project of 150 units have been approved by regional officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and were announced this week by Thomas W. Harper, executive director of the project.

Minimal rental will be \$28 per month and the effective maximum \$65.

Income limits on eligibility to rent the low-rent dwellings were also announced. For one person the maximum income for eligibility is \$3300 per year, for a family of ten or more \$5400.

Rental applications are now being received each Saturday morning from 9 to noon at City Hall. Built into the basic rents are \$11.75 per month for utilities, including utilities used in excess of that amount.

Mr. Harper reported that the inclement weather has slowed construction, slightly, but that the project will be speeded to completion when the weather moderates.

The 150 units are being built on nine sites. Most advanced is the 20-unit group on Lackey street. Large group of units is 40 on Barnette drive.

Work is beginning on the East Ridge street administrative building which will house the Public Housing Authority offices and supplies warehouse.

TO CONFERENCE
Mayor John Henry Moss and Chairman Don Jones of the city human relations committee will attend the human relations conference of the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council in Charlotte Thursday and Friday.



MRS. MYERS NOTES BIRTHDAY — Mrs. Betty Blackwell Myers celebrated her 98th birthday Friday. The Kings Mountain citizen spent a quiet day at home with her family, watched her favorite wrestling program on television.

Mrs. Betty Blackwell Myers At 98 Cooks, Is Television Wrestling Fan

Mrs. Betty Blackwell Myers, who celebrated her 98th birthday Saturday, is an avid sports fan.

She particularly enjoys watching wrestling on television. Her second favorite pastime is cooking. She bakes tasty cakes and pies.

Mrs. Myers is the widow of Henry Myers who died in 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Myers were married December 13, 1896. There are four children: Mrs. Arvieve England, Mrs. Oray D. Foster, Smiley Myers and Mrs. Wyona



AWARDS FOR SERVICE—Gerald Thomasson, center, was topped Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1969 by the Jaycees Tuesday night. The civic organization also honored Ben T. Goforth, left, as "Boss of the Year", and Larry Allen, right, as "Educator of the Year."

Thomasson "Man of Year"; Allen and Goforth Honored

Senator Rauch Tells Jaycees He's Running

"It's no secret, I'm running."

This was the statement of Senator Marshall A. Rauch who announced Tuesday night, for the first time officially, that he would be a candidate for re-election to a third term.

Rauch, 47, Gaston Democrat, represents Cleveland and Gaston counties along with Senator Jack White of Kings Mountain.

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JOHN ANDERSON BALLEW

John Ballew Is Finalist

John Anderson Ballew, senior student at Kings Mountain high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ballew, is among six nominees chosen from District IX as a finalist for a 1970 Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The six finalists and two alternates were selected from a field of 22 nominees from 10 counties comprising District IX following interviews in Morganton Wednesday. District IX is composed of Alexander, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford and Watauga counties.

Roy Armstrong, executive director of the John Motley Morehead Foundation, who made the announcement of Ballew's selection, said the other finalists are Jock Pike Ollis of Newland; Thomas Gene Smith of Drexel; John Darroch Cameron of Gastonia; John Klumwiner Molen of Gastonia and James Christopher Callahan of Rutherford. First alternate is Lester Lyndon Key, Jr., of Hickory. Second alternate is Junius Michael Gaither of Newland.

Each of the 10 Morehead Awardees districts in the state will select six finalists to appear for interviews before the Central Morehead Selection Committee in Chapel Hill Feb. 27-March 2.

A total of 52 nominees from 26 private preparatory schools on the Morehead Foundation's selected list will also be interviewed at this time. Those chosen by the Central Selection Committee will then be interviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Morehead Foundation, who will make the final awards in March.

Morehead Awards provide four-year, all-expense-paid undergraduate educations at the University here. They are worth \$3,400 each to North Carolina students. They were established in 1951 by John Motley Morehead, UNC graduate and native North Carolinian who resided in Rye, N. Y., until his death in 1965.

Young Educator And Boss Awards Are Presented

Gerald Thomasson, 30, is Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1969.

The Kings Mountain Jaycees 16th annual distinguished service award was presented to a Jaycee, the local club's past president, church and civic leader, at the close of the Jaycees' Bosses Night Banquet Tuesday night at the Woman's club.

"This award belongs to a lot of people," Thomasson said in accepting the handsome engraved plaque emblematic of the honor. Identity of the winner, a secret until the Tuesday night announcement, was followed by standing ovations from the audience.

The presentation was made by Burlie Peeler, first DSA winner in 1953.

The Jaycees also honored two other citizens. They named another of their own, Larry Allen, "Young Educator of the Year," and Ben T. Goforth, plumbing contractor, "Boss of the Year." The DSA award is presented after nominations from the public and the selection committee is made up of citizens over 36. The winner is not necessarily a Jaycee, is tapped for outstanding community service. The local club members select "Young Educator of the Year" and "Boss of the Year."

Allen, a newcomer to the Jaycees, is a graduate of Appalachian State University with bachelor's and master's degrees. He teaches drafting and ceramics at the high school and also at Cleveland Technical Institute.

Goforth, a plumbing contractor since 1945, is father-in-law of last year's DSA recipient, Bill (Continued On Page Six)

Improvements To City Parks Are Planned

By MARTIN HARMON

The Metropolitan Development Service, Department of Housing and Urban Development has notified Mayor John Henry Moss of \$28,215 grant reservation for development of the city's three public parks.

The grant reservation is being made under the federal government's "Parks - in - Cities" effort under the open space land program.

The program is a 50-50 share arrangement between the federal government and municipalities and implies a total expenditure of \$56,430.

The city's grant application request will detail intended expenditure of these amounts: Davidson Park \$22,498; Deal Street Park \$15,421; McGinnis Street Park \$19,421.

Principal expenditures at the three installations fall into these categories: land acquisition; landscaping, addition of playground facilities and picknick facilities.

Thomas J. Armstrong, assistant regional administrator for the HUD, wrote the Mayor:

"This is in reply to your letters dated December 5 and December 29, 1969, expressing your intent to submit an application under the special Parks-In-Cities effort being undertaken as part of the Open Space Land Program. It is expected that your formal application will request assistance for the acquisition and development of three sites located in a low-income, densely populated area of the city. The total area to be acquired and developed is approximately 7.02 acres in size and the estimated total cost is \$56,430. The Federal grant contribution is estimated to be one-half of the amount, or \$28,215. Furthermore, your letter evidences a commitment on the part of the City of Kings Mountain that all project activities, including development will be completed within one year.

"With respect to the activities identified above, the City of Kings Mountain is hereby assured that funds are available under the Open Space Land Program for such projects and activities. This assurance of the availability of HUD financial assistance will remain in effect until converted into an allocation, provided an approvable application can be submitted to the HUD Regional Office within 90 days of the date of this letter, or April 15, 1970. This assurance will automatically (Continued On Page Six)

Beatty Druggists President-Elect

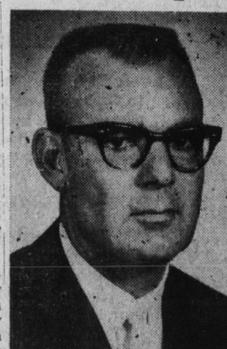
Dennis Beatty, partner in Mou, Laineer Pharmacy, has been elected president-elect of the Cleveland County Drug Association.

The president-elect fills the duties of vice-president.

Elected president at Sunday night's meeting was Tommy Barnes, of Suttle's Drug Company, of Shelby, who succeeds Ragan Harper, of Kings Mountain Drug Company.

Elected secretary - treasurer: Hubert Adair, of Cornwell's Drug Store, Shelby.

Hinnant, New C of C President: New Industry Won't Be Detrimental



L. E. (JOSH) HINNANT

L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, newly installed president of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, told the membership at Monday night's annual meeting the organization would not seek to bring in new industry "detrimental to existing industry."

"Concurrently, he continued, the organization would continue its industry-seeking efforts to obtain responsible industrial citizens with an aim at diversification.

President Hinnant, elevated from vice-president, said the organization is working toward retaining a full-time executive secretary.

He cited particular Kings Mountain needs which, he said, included the loss of a manufacturing industry during the past year, housing, an upgraded downtown business section, and the city club facilities. He (Continued On Page Six)