

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 14,950 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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Cline Suit Ruling Expected Friday



MANAGER — Joseph Machnik has been appointed manager of the Kings Mountain plant of Oxford Knitting Mills, Inc.

Joseph Machnik Oxford Manager

The appointment of Joseph Machnik as Plant Manager of the Kings Mountain Plant of Oxford Knitting Mills, Inc. has been announced by Ernest Agan, General Manager of the Knitting Division of Oxford Industries, Inc.

Machnik, a native of Poland, is a graduate of Leicester College of technology in England, where he studied after serving in World War II with the RAF. Following 12 years of knitting industry experience in Great Britain and Canada, he came to the United States in 1959 and managed a division of Southern Knitting Mills in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Since then he has also served as a consultant to the knitting industry and as General Manager of a Knitting firm in Philadelphia.

In his new capacity, Mr. Machnik will be responsible for manufacturing operations at Oxford's Kings Mountain plant which was completed in June, 1969. He is married and has three children and expects to move them to the Kings Mountain area in the near future.

Oxford Industries is a diversified manufacturer with 35 plants in six states. The Atlanta based firm has annual sales of approximately \$133 million, primarily in apparel.

Observer Editor Dave Gillespie Praises County For Its Progress

By ANNE JAMES HARMON

"Having worked in Shelby before going to the Charlotte Observer, I used to come back here and tell people how things were run in the big city. Now I remind them there of what is going on in Cleveland County."

Dave Gillespie, Associate Editor of the Charlotte Observer and formerly editor of the Shelby Daily Star, made this statement Wednesday evening at a dinner meeting of the Cleveland Association of Governmental Officials at the Kings Mountain County Club honoring Max Hamrick, who retired December 31 after 29 years of service in Cleveland County government.

Stressing concern that "Man is not in control of almost anything," Gillespie praised the work of CAGO and stated that the key was leadership and example.

He said, "If man is going to be in control, we must concentrate on things that unite us, debate the issues that divide us and look at all the problems."

"We must try to gage how a project is going to affect other things — coordinate and relate," Gillespie stated.

Referring to Charlotte's current problems, he said, "Charlotte allowed a voice to be heard which was too much from one side."

The Charlotte editor pointed out the number one need as more citizen involvement in programs of government.

Some of the Cleveland County organizations whose progress was reviewed by Mr. Gillespie were the Mental Health Program, Community Action, the Kings Mountain Public Housing Project, Gardner Webb College, and the Kings Mountain water project, which he cited as "the most far-sighted thinking I've seen."

Mr. Gillespie complimented the City of Shelby on obtaining the services of Dave Wilkinson, amortizing its gas system debt 10 years early, and its expansion of the water treatment plant.

Mayor John Moss presided and presented a plaque of recognition to Mr. Hamrick who reminisced, "With all the ups and downs, the good and bad, it was

National Legion Taps Weisener

National American Legion Commander Milton J. Patrick has notified the local American Legion Post 155 of the appointment of Legionnaire Carl V. Wiesener as vice-chairman of the National Americanism Committee of the American Legion.

This is the first officer of a national committee ever so honored from Post 155.

The National Legion Historian has submitted a questionnaire to

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Points Of Law Decision Due From Judge Ervin

Ruling is expected Friday by Superior Court Judge Sam J. Ervin, III, of Morganton, in the city's condemnation action to acquire from Buford Cline 93 acres for the Buffalo Creek dam site.

City Attorney Jack White and his assistant, Verne Shive, of Gastonia, say the principal points of law involved, decided in favor of the city by Clerk of Court Paul Wilson are:

1) Does the city go beyond what is necessary in seeking to acquire land to the 744 foot contour? The lake contour line at mean level is the 736-foot contour and the city contends the extra footage is required to protect adjacent property from flooding and is further necessary to control pollution and soil erosion.

2) Should the action against Mr. Cline have been filed under the city charter (1913) rather than under state statute (1917), as amended. The city contends the state statute and amendments supercede and take precedence over the city charter provision.

In the ruling of several months ago the Clerk of Court accepted the city contentions then appointed a three-member appraisal committee which awarded Mr. Cline \$31,500 for the tract, and for which Mr. Cline said he had paid \$25,000.

Mr. Cline appealed both the clerk's rulings on points of law and the award.

Meanwhile, the city put in escrow with the clerk of court the \$31,500.

Once the points of law are settled, say the attorneys, the matter on monetary appeal can be considered.

In either instance, both parties have right of appeal.

PHA Notes Get Low Bid Of 4.74 Percent

Two Atlanta, Ga., based banks in a combined bid were low among ten Tuesday on \$2,033,000 of six-months project notes of the Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

The low bid of Trust Company of Georgia and Citizens and Southern National Bank was 4.74 percent per annum plus a premium of \$29.

The notes will be issued as of March 10 and will be used in part to repay Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, of Winston-Salem, \$1,739,000 in notes issued last September 13. Interest rate on the notes being retired is 5.59 percent per annum.

The bidding was close, spread between the low and the high being .35 on one percent.

Wachovia was second in the bidding at 4.79 percent, with no premium. North Carolina National Bank was third at 4.82, no premium.

First Union National Bank of North Carolina was fourth at 4.83 and \$8 premium, followed by First National City Bank of America, New York, with the same bid.

Other bidders were: Joint bid of The Northern Trust Company and A. G. Becker & Company, Chicago, 4.89 and \$26 premium; Morgan Guaranty Trust Company and Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, New York, 5.02 and \$35 premium; Bankers Trust Company, New York, 5.08 and \$155 premium; Chase, Manhattan Bank and Lehman Brothers, New York, 5.09 and \$18.

The notes provide interim construction funds for the Housing Authority as the 150-unit low-rent housing project, now 40 percent complete, is being built. When the project is 90 percent complete, long-term bonds will be sold to pay for the complete project, estimated to cost about \$2,700,000.

SERMON TOPIC

"God and Our Loneliness" will be the sermon topic of Dr. Paul Ainsley at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock Sunday at First Presbyterian church.

20 Applications For Franchises

Twenty applications for four new city taxi franchises were filed by last Saturday's deadline, City Clerk Joe McDaniel has reported.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the city commission committee on taxicabs, including Jim Dickery, chairman, S. W. Biddix, and Ray Cline will consider the applications and will be asked to make recommendations to the full commission.

The Mayor said the matter will not be on the agenda for the next Tuesday's meeting.

Applying for franchises were Wilburn Hamrick, James E. Adams and William Orr, two each, and Glenn Smith, W. T. Clary, George Clary, George Bob, Fred Clark, Jack Smith, Frank Price, W. Earl Stroupe, Jr., Clark J. Rushing, Steve Rathbone, Paul R. Sanders, W. Earl Allen, Bud Grigg, and Jack V. Martin.

Mrs. Laughter's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Cora Hull Laughter, 85, widow of C. C. Laughter, will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. from Bessemer City's Bingham Baptist church of which she was a member.

Rev. Ray England and Rev. Charles Stewart will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery. The body will remain at Sisk Funeral Home, Bessemer City, until 30 minutes before the rites when it will lie in state at the church.

Mrs. Laughter died Tuesday morning following declining health for some time. She had been a patient at Kings Mountain hospital since July 1.

Survivors are five daughters, Mrs. W. M. Dixon of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Cephas Morris of Ellenboro, Mrs. Barney Stone of Shelby, Mrs. E. A. Wengard of Dundalk, Maryland and Mrs. Ethel Hoffman of Kings Mountain; five sons, Woodrow Laughter, W. F. Laughter, and A. R. Laughter, all of Kings Mountain, N. C. and Clyde Laughter of Greenville, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Harvey Mitchell of Bessemer City and Mrs. Bert Astrom of Charlotte; one brother, Raymond Hull of High Shoals; 25 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A native of the Cherryville area, Mrs. Laughter had lived almost all her life in Kings Mountain.

Spring Political Activity Is Increasing

Pop Simmons, Jones Seek Re-Election



B. E. SIMMONS



ROBERT A. JONES

Politicking picked up steam this week as second contest for a Democratic nomination for county political office developed.

B. E. (Pop) Simmons, in his sixth year on the board, announced Tuesday his candidacy for re-election to the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. Other candidates are Yate Smith, Jr. of Grover and Myers Hambrick of Kings Mountain. C. A. Greene has not announced his intention to seek re-election. Terms of Mr. Greene and Mr. Simmons are expiring.

M. D. (Dub) Walker of Shelby filed Monday as a candidate for Cleveland County coroner subject to the May Democratic Primary. Walker has been assistant coroner for the past 28 years.

J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician and county coroner the past 24 years, is stepping down from that post to run for the N. C. Senate. He paid his filing fee for the No. 2 seat representing the Senatorial District of Cleveland and Gaston Counties.

Mrs. Ruth Spangler, Clerk of Shelby, assistant clerk of Cleveland County Superior Court paid her filing fee Tuesday. She seeks to unseat Paul Wilson completing his first term as Clerk of Superior Court.

A retired baseball coach and school teacher Simmons was known as the "houndini of baseball" for his work with kid's baseball teams in the county for many years. He and his wife and teenage son live on a farm in Mooresboro. He formerly taught in Cliffside, Boiling Springs, Lattimore and other schools in the area. He is a deacon in Mount Pleasant Baptist church where he has also taught a Sunday School class.

Representative Robert A. (Bob) Jones of Forest City has announced he will seek re-election for a second term.

Rep. Jones has filed for Seat 3 in the three-seat three-county 43rd in the three-seat, three-county 43rd House District. He is the third incumbent to seek re-election. Rep. W. K. Mauney, Jr. of Kings Mountain announcing he will seek re-election to Seat No. 1 and Rep. Robert Z. Falls of Shelby announcing last week he will seek re-election to Seat No. 2.

No other candidates have filed for the House.

Jones, in a filing statement, (Continued On Page Six)

Legion Tops '69 Membership

By recording a membership for 1969 which topped that of the previous year, Otis D. Green Post No. 155 of the American Legion contributed directly to the 50 consecutive year of overall growth of the Legion. Post Commander Carl F. Wilson reported today.

At the same time, Commander Wilson announced that the 1970 membership of Post No. 155, as of this date, was 600, in increase of 129 over the same date last year.

As of the close of its membership record books for 1969, The American Legion numbered 2,667,453, a gain of 44,341 over the previous year's total.

Much of the growth in The American Legion both here in Kings Mountain and throughout the nation was attributed by Commander Wilson to increasing interest in the Legion's "Our Kind of Guy" program of service and readjustment assistance for the returning Viet-Time Veteran.

"It's been most gratifying," Commander Wilson stated, "to experience the response of veterans of World Wars I and II and Korea to become a part of this program to show our appreciation of the service which has been rendered by these fine young men who have served their country with honor and distinction.

"Sure, the Viet-Time Veteran is eligible to belong to The American Legion, but our first concern in contacting him is to see if his organization can in any way help in his readjustment to civilian life. Some of those we've contacted have also indicated an interest in the work of The American Legion and are now taking an active part in our programs."

Choirs To Sing Folk Musical

"Tell It Like It Is," a folk musical about God, will be presented by the Youth Choirs of First Baptist and Bethlehem Baptist churches of Kings Mountain, at 7:30 on Sunday in First Baptist church.

The music was written by Ralph Ca. Michael of Los Angeles, California, and Kurt Kaise, of Waco, Texas, both pioneers in the field of contemporary religious music.

Allen Jolley, Minister of Music at First Baptist church, will direct the groups. Accompanying will be Mrs. Ellen McCurdy, pianist, Danny Sellers, string bass, and Mike Kiser, drums.

"Tell It Like It Is," a folk-rock-country sound, is written for today's young people in their style of music and lyrics. Ideas are not presented in old cliches but in new terminology.

Carmichael and Kaiser individually wrote songs on subjects they felt young people were talking about and questions for which they wanted answers. They put them together to form a fast-moving musical that moves an audience through a wide spectrum of emotions.

The music creates feelings of comedy, gaiety, seriousness, sadness, confusion, searching and self-examination. It has the excitement of a Broadway musical, and leaves the audience with new ideas and a challenge to "pass on" the message the group sings about.

Some of the titles in the musical are indicative of the subjects developed: "Brother, Let Me Take Your Hand," "Rosy Tinted Glasses," "Please Don't Talk About the Gold Old Days," "Confession," "A New Mind," "That's the Way It Is" and "Love Is Surrender."

Re-Match Expected In 10th; Broyhill, Whitener Filed



BASIL L. WHITENER

It's a re-match, apparently, between U. S. Representative James T. Broyhill, Republican, and former U. S. Representative Basil L. Whitener, Democrat, for the 10th district North Carolina seat.

After Supreme Court-ordered redistricting in North Carolina then Representatives Broyhill, of Lenoir, and Whitener, of Gastonia, were put in the same district. Broyhill winning in the 1968 general election.

Whitener had served in the House six terms, Broyhill is completing his fourth.

The filing deadline is Friday and neither are expected to have primary opposition of major importance, though Hall Young, of Avery County, twice a candidate before, has indicated he may run.

Whitener kicked off his campaign at a Wednesday morning 8 a.m. press conference at Dixie Village Cafeteria attended by about 400 supporters. He then left for Raleigh to pay his filing fee to the State Board of Elections.

Broyhill, recuperating from a recent operation, filed by mail from Washington.

Broyhill is a member of the House committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce where he is ranking minority member of the sub-committee on communications and power, and he is also a member of the Select Committee on Small Business.

Whitener was a member of the House Judiciary committee which processes more than half the legislation in the House and was on the District of Columbia committee and sometimes referred to as the "Mayor of Washington."

Congressman Broyhill declared, "It has been a privilege to serve the people during the last eight years and I am grateful for the confidence they have shown in my efforts in Washington. The great issues of effective government, individual freedom, peace and order, national security, sound money, and prosperity are still the challenges of our time. Significant changes have been made in the nation's capital during the last year as the Nixon Administration has changed the course of the nation. However, the country's problems have been compounded in the last ten years and we must still solve the long-standing problems of war, sagging prestige abroad, inflation, and disorder at home. The Democratic Party controls the Congress and its leaders are the same men who wrote the disastrous programs of previous Administrations into law. They are determined to block reform programs and we must change the control of Congress to assure that this job which the people are demanding will be done."

Referring to the past campaign Wednesday morning, Whitener stated, "We will not be able to match the financial resources of the opposition. We

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JAMES T. BROYHILL

Welcome Center Work To Begin

The Kings Mountain area's first welcome center — fourth to be built in the state — is projected near Grover and work is expected to begin this summer.

State Highway Commissioner Roy D. Dedmon of Shelby said no formal objections were voted at a public hearing held Tuesday afternoon by the State Highway Commission at Grover Rescue Squad and next step is the acquiring of necessary right-of-way.

Mr. Dedmon said the 1969 General Assembly appropriated \$240,000 for two centers, one near Waynesville and the other proposed north of the 216 Battle Ground Exit near Grover.

The state already has two welcome centers, one on Interstate 85 in Warren County and another on Interstate 95 in Northampton County. The state's third welcome center, to be near the Tennessee border of Interstate 40 west of Waynesville, is expected to be completed by August.

Bill Hensley, director of the Travel and Promotion Division of the C & D Department, said the centers will be built of natural stone and wood at cost of \$120,000 each.

Proposed for this area is a combination Welcome Center and Rest Area on the northbound lane of I-85, 2.2 miles northeast of the South Carolina line, in the close vicinity of the I-85 and N. C. 216 interchange. The proposed project will consist of buildings, parking area, ramps to and from I-85 and the necessary right-of-way for the Welcome Center.

Maps showing the proposed location have been posted for several weeks in City Hall.

Carl Mullinax's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Carl Thomas Mullinax, 61, of 108 Spruce street, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Kings Mountain Church of God of which he was a member.

Rev. T. O. Dennis officiated at the final rites, assisted by Rev. George Leigh. Interment was in the Bethlehem Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Mullinax died Sunday at 12:30 in the Veteran's hospital at Durham after several months' illness.

He was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mullinax and an employee of Duplex Shannon. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the American Legion Post 155.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jeanette McFall Mullinax, two sons, Jerry Mullinax and Gene Mullinax, both of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Mrs. Fred D. Hambrick; two brothers, Bill Mullinax of Bessemer City and Fred Mullinax of Kings Mountain; and three sisters, Mrs. Lester Huntsinger of Bessemer City and Mrs. Jake Bridges and Mrs. Hoyle Owens, both of Kings Mountain; and six grandchildren.

Work Underway On Country Club's \$180,000 Golf Course Expansion

Work is underway on the Kings Mountain Country Club's \$180,000 nine-hole golf course addition.

The club has acquired an additional 73 acres of property for the addition and completion is expected by late autumn.

R & G Construction Company of Charlotte is contractor for the project and golf architect is J. Porter Gibson of Charlotte. Mr. Gibson was the golf architect for golf courses in Gaffney, S. C., Maryland and Alabama.

Properties were acquired from the J. E. Herndon Estate, William Herndon, the C. S. Plonk Estate and the J. O. Plonk Estate.

LENTE SERVICE

Rev. Charles Easley will continue the Lenten theme, "The Great I Am of Jesus" with the topic, "I Am The Door," at mid-week services Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.



ARTUR WRIGHT HUFFSTETTER, 82, was held Friday afternoon from Oak Grove Baptist church of which he was a member.