

# Kings Mountain Herald

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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 14,990 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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## Ervin's Ruling Favors City In Cline Condemnation

### Attorney Says Dam Site Case May Be Appealed

Superior Court Judge Sam J. Ervin, III, Monday ruled in favor of the city on points of law in the condemnation action whereby the city seeks to obtain approximately 93 acres from Buford Cline for the Buffalo creek reservoir dam.

The Judge ruled:

- 1) The City of Kings Mountain proceeded correctly in filing its condemnation action under state statutes rather than under the city charter provision of 1913, and
- 2) The City of Kings Mountain was acting under necessity, and not capriciously, in its effort to obtain property to the 744 foot contour, rather than the 736 contour, the mean water level once Buffalo Creek is impounded.

The contour difference means that the city seeks an eight-foot belt around the lake to assure local control of surrounding property and pollution control of the lake itself.

Ernest S. DeLaney, attorney for Mr. Cline, indicated the Ervin decision will be appealed.

The Ervin decision sustains the decision of Cleveland Superior Court Clerk Paul Wilson on the points of law. Subsequent to the Wilson decision, an appraisal committee awarded Mr. Cline \$31,500 for the dam site tract which Mr. Cline said he had acquired for \$25,000. The city immediately put the money in escrow with the clerk of court when Mr. Cline declined to accept.

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CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY—Samuel R. Suber celebrated his 85th birthday Friday. Mr. Suber was "boss" of the city's cemetery department for 22 years before his retirement in 1964.

## Suber Observed 85th Birthday

Samuel R. Suber, who superintended the city's Mountain Rest cemetery for 22 years before his retirement in 1964, celebrated his 85th birthday Friday.

His South Piedmont Avenue neighbors helped him cut a birthday cake at his home. His daughters — Mrs. Nellie Cranford and Mrs. Carl Wiesener and son, Bob Suber, hadn't planned a party but word spread of his birthday and soon the Suber home was filled with acquaintances from City Hall, the post office, Harris Funeral Home, and Central Methodist church.

Samuel R. Suber became a naturalized United States citizen in 1913, after arriving in America from Beirut, Lebanon, in 1906 at the age of 21. He spent three years with a brother in Gaffney, S. C. before coming here in 1909. He has lived here since and has been active in numerous business enterprises.

Older citizens remember Mr. Suber as chief of the Candy Kitchen, which he operated in the building now occupied by Eagles' Stores. Subsequently, he purchased and operated Willeford's Cafe located in what was the late Dr. J. E. Anthony's office. Later, he moved the restaurant to his present residence on S. Piedmont avenue.

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## Mountaineer Beheaded, Shelby Lion Tared, Feathered; Culprits Pay

Kings Mountain high school's Mountaineer has been beheaded and Shelby high school's Golden Lion has been tared and feathered, and 25 students — 21 from Shelby and four from Kings Mountain — are paying for their sins.

For the next few days, students from Shelby will come to Kings Mountain to repair damages to the school building and school mascot, a Mountaineer on the front of the building, while four KMHS students will be going to Shelby to repair damages to Shelby's concrete Golden Lion which was set fire after the Mountaineer was beheaded, police said.

Police Chief Tom McDevitt said if all damages are repaired to the school properties, no charges will be preferred against the youths.

He said investigation by Lt. Bill Roper and Patrolmen E. M. Ball, both of Kings Mountain, and Lt. Howell of Shelby, revealed the Shelbians on Thursday night (before the KMHS basketball game Friday) painted the Mountaineer. Kings Mountain students removed the paint from the Mountaineer and in the following nights he was painted again, then beheaded, and a gallon of green enamel was thrown onto the side of the school building.

Chief McDevitt said a new lion mascot would probably be installed at Shelby High.

Local students tared and feathered the Lion by setting him afire with gasoline.

## City Annexation Petitions Filed

### Withers, Amos Ask Inclusion In City Limits

Two property owners have petitioned the city for annexation of their residential properties in the city limits.

They are J. Fred Withers, owner of a portion of the former Charles A. Goforth, Jr., property on Phifer road, and James E. Amos, who lives on Edgemont drive extension.

Mr. Amos wrote the city commission:

"At your earliest convenience, please take my piece of residence on Edgemont Drive Extension into the incorporated limits of the City of Kings Mountain.

"Since the advantages of living within the city far outweigh the disadvantages, I no longer wish to be excluded."

The city commission will consider the petitions at a public hearing at the March 24 meeting.

At Tuesday night's brief session, the commission authorized Mayor John Henry Moss to appoint a seven-member Cansler Street Urban renewal committee as a sub-committee of the citizens' advisory committee.

The board also accepted low bid of three for curb-and-gutter and paving of streets in Mountain Rest Cemetery in the east

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UF LEADERS — J. C. Bridges, hardwareman, top, was installed as president of the Kings Mountain United Fund and Donald Jones, superintendent of schools was installed as 1970 campaign manager Monday night.

## Bridges, Jones Elected By UF

J. C. Bridges, partner in Bridges Hardware, will serve as president of the Kings Mountain United Fund and Schools Superintendent Donald Jones will be 1970 campaign chairman.

New officers and directors were installed at a dinner meeting of the UF organization Monday night at Kings Mountain Country club.

Mr. Bridges succeeds Shuford Peeler, Jr. Mr. Jones succeeds Kyle Smith.

Other new officer is Mrs. Becky Selam, secretary - treasurer, succeeding Mrs. Vernon P. Crosby. Directors, elected to a three-year term, are Mrs. F. J. Sincos, William Grissom, Warren Stockton, and John A. Cheshire. They succeed Mrs. Sam Robinson, Joe R. Smith, Harold Coggins and Larry Hamrick.

Awards in the form of certificates were presented to representatives of 22 agencies, participating firms, and to campaign leaders. Duplex International led industries four years in a row for 100 percent plant participation.

The awards were presented by Shuford Peeler and Kyle Smith. Woody Ralston, UF representative from the state organization, installed the new officers and praised the efforts of all in last year's campaign.

## Heart Fund Gifts \$3254

Gifts to the Kings Mountain Heart Fund Campaign for 1970 reached \$3,253.18, Wednesday, Mrs. Charles Adams, chairman, announced.

Campaign goal is \$3800. Mrs. Adams, highly pleased at reports from campaign volunteers, said all reports have not been turned



L. L. ADAMS AND FAMILY—L. L. Adams, who retires today after 38 years in the teaching profession, is pictured above with his wife and six children. Front row, from left, Alberta Adams, Mrs. Adams, Captain Thomas R. Adams and Mrs. Lorraine Adams White. Second row, from left, Yvonne Paulette Adams, Leon L. Adams, Jr. and Mrs. Betty Adams Gray.

## L. L. Adams, Here Since '35 Retires Thursday

Compact was a three-teacher elementary school housed in a dilapidated, wooden building that citizens in the community helped to build when L. L. Adams became principal in 1935.

In the 35 years since, he has seen a modern brick structure and stucco shop building house both elementary and high school students and a faculty of 30.

He remained as principal of the elementary school after integration of schools.

Changing of emphasis in the educational program brought the veteran schoolman to Central Junior high school this school term where he has taught skills.

Thursday he goes to his classroom for the last time. He is retiring on his birthday.

A native of Gaston County, Adams came to Compact because of the opportunity it offered him, not only to help build up the school, but to live with his growing family on the farm of his wife's grandfather, George Patterson.

Compact's history, from its beginning, is reviewed on a bronze plaque at the plant, which now houses the district system's kindergarten program.

Adams began his teaching career in 1932 during the depression days in Gaston County at a salary of \$66 per month. He moved to Kings Mountain from Hoffman, N. C., where he had served as principal of Morrison Training school.

He is a graduate of Morgan State college and received his master's degree from A & T, Greensboro. A life-long member of Epworth Methodist church of Gastonia, he is chairman of the administrative board of the church, lay leader and chairman of the stewardship and finance committee.

He was cited as Omega Chapter's first man of the year 10 years ago in Gastonia. He is a charter member of the Epsilon Upsilon chapter and a past president, a 33 degree Scottish Rite Mason and past member of Star Lodge. He is a member of the city zoning board representing the perimeter area.

Mrs. Adams is the former Alberta Patterson. There are six children: Leon, Jr., a state supervisor of music in Arkansas Lorraine, a teacher in the Charlotte city school system; Alberta, a supervising operating room nurse in New York City; Betty, a chemist with the National Institute of Health research center in Washington, D. C.; Richard, a Captain and Navigator with SAC in the Air Force now serving in Vietnam; and Yvonne Adams, who is a senior journalism major at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

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## Allen Announces For Sixth Term

Cleveland County Sheriff J. Haywood Allen announced Tuesday he will seek his sixth consecutive term of office.

Sheriff Allen was first elected in 1950 and took office in 1951. He had previously served as chief deputy to Sheriff Hugh A. Logan.

He is unopposed for the Democratic nomination in the May 2 primary.

Allen is the son of former Sheriff Irvin Allen, who served from 1929 to 1933, and Mrs. Allen. He was an officer on the Kings Mountain Police Department before becoming Logan's chief deputy. He is married to the former Majel Stewart of Kings Mountain and son-in-law of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stewart of Kings Mountain.

Sheriff Allen is a past president of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association and a member of the advisory board of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation. He was noted national lawman of the month in November by a national crime magazine.

He is a member of Shelby's First Baptist church, a director of Shelby Boys club and a member of Shelby Optimist club. He is a former member of Kings Mountain Jaycees and Kings Mountain Lions club.

Allen and his wife are parents of three children.

Sheriff Allen won the Democratic nomination in 1966 in the first primary against two opponents.

## Cansler Street Widening To Bid In April, Letting May Or June

The Cansler street widening project will be advertised for bids on April 21 or April 29 and letting of contracts is expected in May or June, Ken Mauney, district highway engineer, said Wednesday.

Engineering work is complete and all right-of-way has been acquired for the road-widening to 44-foot (curb to curb) from Walker street to Gold street.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the city and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company have completed plans for proceeding and coinciding with the road construction progress in



CANDIDATES — Mrs. Ruth Spangler Dedmon, top, seeks to unseat Paul Wilson, completing his first term as Clerk of Superior Court. Mrs. Dedmon has served as assistant clerk since 1956. Sheriff Haywood Allen, below, seeks a sixth term as Cleveland County Sheriff.

## Withrow In Race For Coroner

A contest developed in the coroner's race Wednesday as K. C. Withrow announced he is running.

Mr. Withrow will face M. D. (Bub) Walker in the May Democratic Primary.

He is an employee of Wards Barber Shop, Shelby, where he has worked for 17 years. He is a native of Cleveland County, a graduate of Green Bethel high school of Bolling Springs, Harris

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