

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

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PRICE TEN CENTS



RECEIVE CHECKS—Miss Linda Ross and Leon Ross are pictured being awarded a donation of \$350 by the president, Mrs. Victoria Bess, and the vice-president, Luico Wilson of the Kings Mountain Improvement Association. This donation will assist the two students on a trip to Russia and other foreign countries. The association is asking all churches and organizations to give a contribution. (Isaac Alexander photo)

Four More Candidates Seek Office

Action Deferred On Apartment Re-zoning Bid

The city zoning board deferred action Tuesday night on a request to rezone approximately six acres in Crescent Hill at the end of Oakland street to permit construction of an apartment complex.

Fred W. Plonk, chairman of the zoning board and partner in the property with his brother Tal S. Plonk said "several of the board members wanted to study the matter further." He said that Crescent Hill, since its development began after World War II, has been limited to single family dwellings.

He added the zoning board will meet again prior to the March 24 meeting of the city commission to give the request further consideration. He said the prospective developers, Fields Young and C. B. Cash, both of Shelby, likely will be invited to attend the meeting.

Hal Plonk told the city commission last week the developers, if re-zoning is obtained, would take options on one tract for 90 days and the across-the-street tract for 120 days and would immediately build 20 units. If demand appears warranted, the developers expect to build an additional 20 units on the other tract.

Swimming pool, putting green, and 24 parking spaces are planned for the initial 20-unit complex.

Anticipated rentals are \$125 per month for two-bedroom units and \$140 per month for three-bedroom units.

Easter Cantata At Grace Church

The 25-voice Sanctuary Choir of Grace United Methodist Church will sing the Palm Sunday Cantata, "Hallelujah, What A Saviour", Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship service at the church.

The Easter Cantata is under the direction of Robert Cashion, organist and choir director. Bud Bumgardner will serve as narrator for the cantata which depicts the greatest and most indispensable ingredient in the universe—love.

Carl Robbs and Curtis Salmons will be acolytes for the service and ushers will be Rocky Carroll, Jeff Crawford, Bobby Lane and Jepp Wilson.

Commenting on the choir presentation, Rev. J. C. Lane, minister, said, "To those who hear the musical presentation of this work, the choir hopes it will be the means of bringing light and life to many a sin-darkened heart; and also that Christians everywhere will be filled with gratitude to God for Calvary and be moved to offer new sacrifices of praise and worship to whom 'who loved us and gave himself for us.' 'The greatest single fact in all human history is Calvary, where God's 'no greater love' for mankind was profoundly and eloquently expressed in the death of His Son."

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Chief McDevitt Kiwanis Speaker

Kings Mountain Chief of Police Tom McDevitt will speak on the topic, "Drug Alert In Our Community", at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

The Kings Mountain officer attended a school on this subject last month.

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JOHN H. McBRAYER (R) Senate Candidate



MARY LOU BARRIER (D) For Education Board



CHARLES A. GREENE (D) For County Commission

John McBrayer GOP Candidate For State Senate

A five-man race for two Democratic nominations to the county board of commissioners developed this week.

Filing deadline with the county board of elections is Friday.

Charles A. Greene announced Monday he will seek a second four-year term on the commission to which he was elected in 1966, and Phil Rucker, Shelby grading contractor and cattle farmer, announced Wednesday he would be a candidate. Already in the field are B. E. (Pop) Simmons, commission chairman seeking a second term, Myers Hambright, Kings Mountain high school vocational supervisor, and Yates Smith, of Grover, disabled service veteran.

Also filing for re-election this week under the Democratic banner was Mrs. Mary Lou Barrier for the county board of education. Mrs. Barrier was elected in 1968 and, under a staggered term arrangement, now seeks a full four-year term.

John H. McBrayer, Shelby realty dealer and developer, filed last weekend as a Republican candidate for Seat No. 1, 43rd State Senatorial district. He is expected to oppose Senator Marshall Rauch, of Gastonia.

Mr. McBrayer said, "I hope to have the opportunity to serve and represent the people of Cleveland and Gaston counties in the North Carolina Senate. I have many friends in both political parties, and I am looking forward to meeting many new friends in both counties between now and the November election."

Mr. McBrayer is a member of the county Republican executive committee and completed eight years as a member of the county elections board on March 1. His wife is Nancy Beam McBrayer and they have three children.

Mrs. Barrier said: "I have enjoyed serving on the County Board of Education this term and appreciate the help and support given me by the people throughout Cleveland County during this time."

"I feel better qualified to serve the people of this county with the experience I have gained and therefore announce my candidacy for reelection to the Cleveland County Board of Education. As before, my only aim is in continuing improvement of our schools to the needs of our children."

Mrs. Barrier is the wife of Dr. Cecil L. Barrier. She attended Radford College in Virginia, and was graduated in 1950 from the Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing.

Mr. Rucker said, "I believe in good, sound local government with a low, stable tax rate and as much progress for our county as a balanced budget will permit."

His wife is Carolyn Webb Rucker and they have four sons. He is an air force veteran of the Korean war, a Methodist member of the American Legion and VFW and the Elk's Lodge.

Commissioner Greene is a deacon of Zoar Baptist church and is Shelby staff manager of Home Security Life Insurance Company. He is a member of the board of directors of Goodwill Industries, a Kiwanian, and is current president of Shelby Life Underwriters Association. His wife is Louise Callahan Greene and they have three children.

Mr. Greene said: "After a great deal of serious consideration and urgency from my friends all over the county, I

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Mail Moratorium To New York Area

If you plan to write a friend or relative in New York today, don't.

Because of the postal strike in that section of the country, mail is not being delivered.

Postmaster Charles Alexander said yesterday he had received a directive by wire from the Postmaster General not to accept any type mail destined for delivery in New York City, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Flushing, Far Rockaway, Jamaica, Long Island City, Staten Island, Manhattan, Hicksville, and Riverhead, New York.

A postal strike is "on" in some sections of New Jersey, said the postmaster, but as yet no directives have been forwarded here about dispatch of mail.

Bowles Speaker For Lions Event

Farmer's Night Banquet Set For Tuesday

Senator Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles of Greensboro will be the principal speaker at Tuesday night's Farmer's Night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

Farmers of the Kings Mountain area will be guests of the civic club, an annual custom of the Lions for many years.

Lion Hal S. Plonk is chairman of the arrangements committee which includes Lion William Lawrence Plonk, co-chairman.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the Woman's club dining room. Other civic leaders and city officials have been invited to attend.

Senator Bowles, elected to the state senate representing Guilford County in 1969, has long been active in civic, government and community affairs. He was director and later chairman of the board of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development from 1961-65 and served in the N. C. House of Representatives from 1967-68. He served on the State Art Museum building commission, was chairman of the state emergency resources planning committee, in the office of civil defense, and on the Governor's vocational rehabilitation study commission. He was state vice chairman of the finance, education, agricultural and public welfare committees, the state banking committee and on the election laws committee.

In 1964 he received the state's Distinguished Service Award for leadership in the economic development and general advancement of North Carolina and last year received the silver medallion.

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Choir To Sing "Crucifixion"

The Senior Choir of Central United Methodist church will sing the Easter cantata, "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. J. N. McClure, organist and choir director, will direct the presentation. The interested community is invited to join the local congregation in hearing the program of worship.

The Cantata is a meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer.

Solists will be Mrs. Bennett Masters, B. S. Peeler, Jake Dixon, Mrs. Delbert Dixon, Bill Russell, Arthur Walker and Carlton Harris.

Other choir members are: Sopranos — Misses Mary Alice McDaniel, Winifred Fulton, Bessie Bumgardner, and Mrs. Guy Trout.

Altos — Misses Susan Anderson, Mary Bryant, Lou Bryant, Lynn Harmon, Debbie Tiptons, Marilyn Dixon, Mrs. W. A. Russell, Mrs. Harvey Williams and Mrs. W. D. Werner.

Bass — Delbert Dixon, Mark Stockton.

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Buford Cline Appeal Deadline Is Friday

Deadline of Buford Cline to file formal notice of appeal is Friday in the litigation on the city's condemnation on action against him on the Buffalo Creek dam site.

City Attorney Jack H. White said formal appeal must be filed within ten days, together with appeal notes, to the circuit court of appeals.

Should the appeal be filed Mr. Cline, who lost a "points of law" appeal from Clerk of Court Paul Wilson's rulings by ruling of Superior Court Judge Sam J. Ervin, Jr., would have 60 days within which to file a complete brief.

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Mrs. Powell's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Dora Clark Powell, 71, of route 1, Grover, were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 from Bethany Baptist church of which she was a member.

Rev. James Sanders, assisted by the Rev. Charles Post, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Grover cemetery.

Mrs. Powell, widow of Ernest Waverly Powell who died in 1967, died Friday morning at 5 o'clock in the Kings Mountain hospital. She had been in declining health for some time.

She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clark.

Surviving are three brothers Ernest Clark of Shelby, James Clark of Polkville, S. C.; and two sisters, Mrs. Raymond Camp of Grover and Mrs. Dola Pace of Greenville, S. C.; and a half-sister, Mrs. Della Hyde of Charlotte.

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Captain Meek Ormand Logged 101 Wednesday; Birthday Party Held

Captain Batic Meek Ormand spent a quiet 101st birthday Wednesday.

The retired railroad conductor had lunch as usual with his daughter, Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Sr. and Mr. Carpenter, then retired to his home where numerous friends called during the day to wish him a "happy birthday."

Family members had gathered on Sunday at Central Methodist church fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon planned in honor of Captain Meek. Other guests were Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church and Mrs. Ausley, and Rev. D. B. Alderman, pastor of Central Methodist church, and Mrs. Alderman.

Grandchildren from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Meek Carpenter and family of Greenville, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nantz and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fairfax of Charlotte and Miss Carol Dilling of Meredith college at Raleigh.

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MAN OF MONTH—Captain Delbert Dixon has been honored as the Cleveland County Rescue Squad's first Man of the Month.

Dixon Tapped Man Of Month

Cleveland County Rescue Squad has named four-term Captain Delbert Dixon as its first "Man of the Month."

Beginning in March members of the volunteer organization will honor one of its members for service.

Captain Dixon, re-elected in January to a fourth term as head of the organization, helped organize the local squad 11 years ago.

Commenting on Mr. Dixon's selection, a member said, "Delbert is well known in this area, having lived here all his life and active in community affairs. Through his efforts, we believe the local Rescue Squad is among the finest in the state. I asked Delbert what his hobby was, if any, and he said, 'I have none.' Any rescue member will confirm this statement. Our captain is always on call night and day."

Son of a former-mayor Kelly Dixon and Mrs. Dixon, Dixon is employed by Lithium Corporation. He served in the Navy during World War II, is active in Central Methodist church where both he and his wife sing in the choir.

Mrs. Dixon is the former Sue Baker of Gastonia. They are parents of four children.

Mrs. Blanton's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lois Collins Blanton, 37, wife of Collins Blanton, 37, of 207 West Ridge street, wife of Frank Blanton, city gas department employee, were held Saturday at 3 p.m. from Temple Baptist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Blanton died Thursday at 12:10 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after several weeks' illness. Death was attributed to cancer.

She was daughter of Mrs. Elzie Collins of Winstonsboro, S. C.

Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by two sons, Michael Steven and Allen Dale Blanton, both of the home; and two daughters, Mary Lynn and Patsy Lenette Blanton, both of the home.

Rev. Frank Shirley officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jerry White, Red Blanton, Howard Jackson, Jerry Hollifield, Floyd Thornburg and Glenn Carroll.

CBD Plan Before Planning Group

CBD Parking Committee Meets Thursday

The city planning board will convene at 10 a.m. Thursday morning at Home Savings & Loan Association to review and consider endorsement of the central business district re-development plan.

Bob Maner is chairman of the planning board.

On Friday at noon the parking committee of the central business district re-development committee will hold a luncheon meeting at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Bill Brown is chairman of this committee and other members are Charles E. Dixon, Yates Harrison, Larry Hamrick, John L. McGill and Lee McIntyre.

The re-development plan calls for acquisition of 44 properties involving 70 owners, provides for the development of park areas and other improvements.

Under federal law, properties acquired for re-development as private commercial or residential establishments are razed, then offered for sale at public auction to developers who agree to fit new construction to the approved plan, Executive Director Joe Laney of the Redevelopment commission said.

Reports on values of all properties by two registered appraisers are reviewed by the North Carolina appraiser for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mercer Simmons, of Lincolnton, has completed his appraisals. Frank Hoyle, of Cherryville, is in process of completing his appraisals. Mr. Laney said the Hoyle reports are expected about mid-April.

Mrs. W. F. Styers 90 On Sunday; President Nixon Sent Greetings

Mrs. W. F. Styers received birthday congratulations from President Nixon on her 90th birthday Sunday.

She received the telegram from the White House at her residence at Greenbriar Rest Home in Gastonia Sunday morning, and afterwards came to the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Tate, for a birthday party and family get-together with 81 friends and relatives.

The former Pearl Long of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Styers was widow of W. F. Styers who died in 1961. They reared two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Styers Tate of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Carl Lewis of Gastonia, two sons, Bruce Styers of Hagers town, Md. and John Styers of Hampton, Va. and two grandchildren, Mrs. Joe (Barbara) Eldson of Gastonia and Joe McDaniel, Jr., Kings Mountain city clerk and treasurer. Among relatives here for her party were eight great-grandchildren and three grandchildren, along with friends and relatives from Kings Mountain, Charlotte, Lincolnton, Gastonia, and Spartanburg, S. C.

Two birthday cakes were cut and served after a picnic-style dinner. A large horseshoe-shaped pink and white cake was the centerpiece for the dining table, which was overlaid with pink linen cloth.

Since she has become a resident of Greenbriar Home, Mrs. Styers has not been a "bed patient." She has been in declining health for some time, though her health has improved and she is able to be up.

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