

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
 City Limits (1966 Census) 8,256
 City Limits (Estimate 1968) 9,300

...and 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 Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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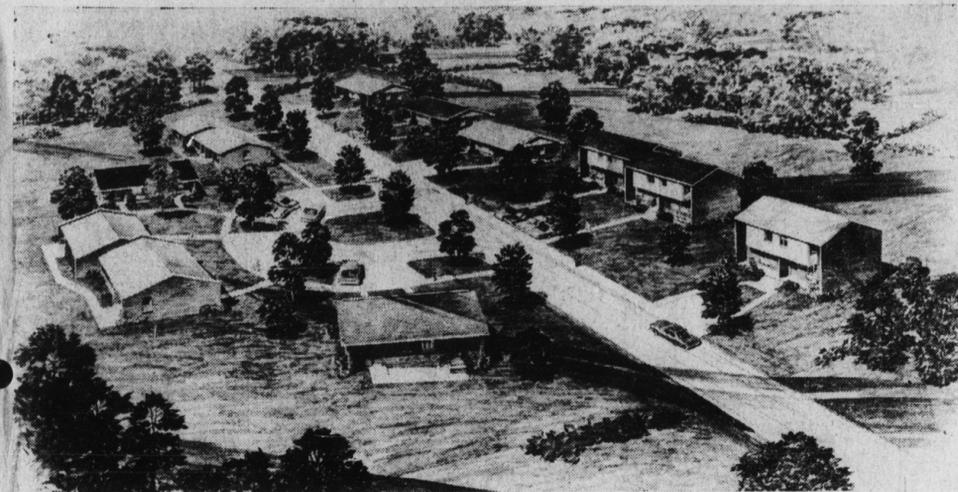
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HOW BAKER STREET PUBLIC HOUSING WILL LOOK — An architects drawing of the nine buildings being constructed on Baker Street. The nine buildings will contain 21 living units as follows: three one bedroom apartments, 10 two bedroom apartments, six three bedroom apartments, and two four bedroom apartments. The two story buildings are garden type—living

room, dining room-kitchen are downstairs and the bedrooms and bath are upstairs. Each apartment will be furnished with a gas furnace, gas stove, gas hot water heater and electric refrigerator. Construction is now underway by the Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

Public Hearing On April 14 On CBD Re-development Plan



COMMENDED — First Lt. James S. Dye of Kings Mountain has received the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) while serving with the Infantry in Thailand.

Lt. Dye Is Commended

First Lt. James S. Dye, son of Nevada Dye of Kings Mountain, a careerman in the U. S. Army Infantry, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for service in Thailand.

Dye is now assigned to Fort Jackson, S. C. He joined the Army 10 years ago.

The citation of merit, by direction of the Secretary of the Army, reads:

"For exceptionally meritorious service while serving as Executive Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Department, Special Troops, Korat Detachment during the period 11 March 1969 to 4 July 1969; and as Self Service Supply Officer during the period 15 July 1969 to 20 February 1970.

"During these periods, First Lt. Dye's outstanding performance, personal integrity, and loyal support to his commanders led to significant contributions. While serving in his capacity as Executive Officer, Lt. Dye was responsible for the initiation of a new, improved maintenance program which resulted in improved weapons and chemical equipment maintenance. When called upon to assume the duties as Self Service Supply Officer, he became responsible for the effective operation of the Self Service Supply Center and the Clothing Sales Store located at Camp Friendship. Lt. Dye assumed this assignment willingly and spent many arduous hours of his own time to insure that he became knowledgeable in all aspects of his duties. During the course of this assignment, Lt. Dye was instrumental in the turn-in of approximately \$125,000 worth of clothing and supplies

Hearing Thursday On Cline Appeal

Ervin Ruling Wasn't Appealed, Only Award Issue

Buford Cline did not appeal the Superior Court ruling against him by Judge Sam J. Ervin III on the points-of-law litigation.

His appeal on the three-member commission award of \$31,500 for the 93.3 acres the city condemned for the Buffalo Creek dam site is scheduled to begin in Cleveland Superior Court, also before Judge Ervin, Thursday, Clerk of Court Paul Wilson said Wednesday.

Last Friday was the deadline for Mr. Cline to appeal the points-of-law ruling, in which Judge Ervin ruled the city needed property to the 744-foot contour and proceeded correctly in filing its condemnation action under state statutes rather than under city charter provisions.

Several other condemnation actions have been filed with hearings pending before Clerk of Court Wilson.

Mr. Cline is involved in one of them as a partner with W. K. Mauney, Jr., in Double B Ranch. Other actions have been filed against Ambrose Cline, John D. Cline and Coleman Goforth.

Planning Board OK's CBD Plan

The city planning board last week certified the city's plan for central business district redevelopment and approved it.

The planning committee, headed by Bill Brown, met Friday and Chairman Brown reported the committee feels it has a feasible, workable and economical plan to acquire free auto parking areas in the uptown district.

Federal funds are not usable to provide parking areas.

Chairman Brown said the committee anticipates creation of a non-profit corporation to acquire property and develop the property for parking.

EASTER PROGRAM

An Easter program in three parts will be presented Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of God on East Parker street, Rev. T. O. Dennis, pastor, invited the community to attend.



PROJECT MANAGER—Lynwood B. Thombs has been named project manager of the Cansler Street Urban Renewal Area.

Lynwood Thombs Project Manager

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission has announced the appointment of Lynwood B. Thombs as Project Manager for the Cansler Street Urban Renewal Area. As manager he will coordinate relocation, rehabilitation, property management and site improvements in the area.

Mr. Thombs is a Kings Mountain native, son of Rev. and Mrs. Leo L. Thombs of 316 West Ridge street. A graduate of Compact high school, he will receive a B. A. degree in Business Administration from Saint Augustine's college in Raleigh, N. C. in May. At school he was a member of the Student Council, Business club, Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity, Crescent club of Phi Beta Fraternity and the Veteran club. He served as tutor of business subjects in the college's tutorial program.

A U. S. Navy veteran his two year tour of duty included assignment to Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, Calif., and aboard the U.S.S. Hancock (CVA-19) off the coast of Vietnam.

He is past president of the Youth Council and a previous delegate to the National Christian Education and Youth Council Convention of the Bynum Chapel AME Zion church.

City Annexes Seven Acres Tuesday Night

Public hearing on the proposed plan to revitalize the central business district will be held on April 14th at 8 p.m. at City Hall.

The city board of commissioners Tuesday night called for the hearing which follows a previous hearing held recently by the Redevelopment Commission.

In another major matter of business, the board annexed seven more acres into the city limits. Two property owners — 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, had petitioned the city for annexation of their properties, which were formally approved after public hearing.

The board designated the month of April as Textile Futures Month in Kings Mountain and Mayor John H. Moss appointed Comm. Jim Dickey to chair a committee, including Comm. Ray Cline and Comm. W. S. Biddix, to work with industry leaders in promoting textile opportunities in the city. Comm. Dickey, superintendent of Neisco, Inc., commented, after the action, that 65 percent of the city's work force is employed by industry and that annual wages in the various industries in town amount to \$10 million. He said he would propose that the various industries display the products made here during the month and permission was granted for industries to form a display in the new Neighborhood Facilities Building in late April.

The board voted to rezone a lot on S. Gaston street owned by Grace E. Davis for neighborhood business to R-6. Miss Davis expects to build a residence on the

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Dixon Built First Golf Course In 1931; Now Back In Business

By MARTIN HARMON

Kelly Dixon, city codes administrator, is back in business in a field he hasn't known since 1931 when he built the nine-hole miniature golf course located on West Mountain street on the then-vacant portion of the parking lot owned by Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association.

Former Mayor Dixon will superintend the building of an 18-hole carpet putt-putt golf course at the Deal street recreation center immediately west of the swimming pool.

Construction of the course is expected to require about five weeks.

Plans for the Deal street installation were drawn by Frank Hinson.

Mr. Dixon could not recall the owner of the 1931 course, but did recall that John Wray was the manager. The course was a small building adjacent to the sidewalk where golfers paid the ten-cent fee, picked up their score cards, and bought soft drinks and snacks. Mr. Dixon said, "Mr. Wray sold a world of parched peanuts."

Mayor John Henry Moss said the carpet course ties in with the city's aim to provide recreation facilities from very young to senior citizens.

Eight More Candidates File; Election Officials Announced

Registration Books To Open On April 4th

Election machinery for the May 2 Democratic Primary was set up this week with the appointment of judges and registrars by the Cleveland County Board of Election.

Registration books will open April 4th in each of the county's 26 precincts.

The books will be open April 4, April 11, and April 18th from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. April 25th will be Challenge Day from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

In the Kings Mountain area, precinct officials will include: East Kings Mountain: Mrs. Nelle C. Cranford, registrar; Clavon Kelly and Mrs. Harold Glass, judges.

West Kings Mountain: Mrs. J. H. Arthur, registrar; Mrs. Paul Patterson and D. G. Littlejohn, judges.

Bethware: Mrs. Alice E. Connor, registrar; Mrs. Carolyn Hicks and Mrs. Aileen Herndon, judges.

Grover: Mrs. J. B. Ellis, registrar; Mrs. James C. Scruggs and Mrs. Lela Beam, judges.



ROBERT Z. (BOB) FALLS (D)
House of Representatives unopposed



ROBERT JONES (D)
House of Representatives unopposed



MRS. HARRIETT R. EVANS (D)
County Treasurer unopposed

Falls, Jones, Harriet Evans Are Home Free

Last Friday's county and township office filing deadline produced eight more candidates and assured return to Raleigh of two incumbent members of the N. C. House of Representatives and re-election of the incumbent treasurer, none of whom had either Democratic or Republican opposition.

As expected, the contest for the two seats on the county board of commissioners, attracted the most attention, as far as the number of candidates are concerned.

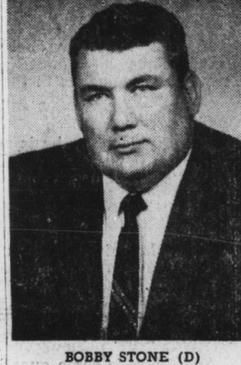
Eight candidates — seven Democrats and one Republican — are seeking the two seats on the board.

Those who have filed include incumbents B. E. (Pop) Simmons and C. A. Greene, both Democrats, Yates Smith, Jr. of Grover, Myers T. Hambright of Kings

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PHIL RUCKER (D)
For County Commission



BOBBY STONE (D)
For Board of Education



FRED M. SIMMONS (D)
For Board of Education

Sparks To Preach Sunrise Sermon

Rev. Carl V. Sparks, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, will deliver the sermon Sunday morning at the community-wide Easter Sunrise service at Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

The traditional rite will begin at 6 a.m. In event of rain the service will be cancelled.

It is sponsored by the Greater Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.

Prior to the service the Kings Mountain high school Brass Choir will present a prelude of Easter music. Music for the service is under the direction of Band Director Donald Deal, Mrs. Joe McClure and Mrs. Ben T. Goforth.

Various ministers of the community will participate on the program.

TRAFFIC NOTICE

Citizens attending the Sunday morning Easter Sunrise service are asked to use the Suber Gate on E. Gold street. All gates will be open to walking traffic but only the Gold street entrance will be open for vehicles to enter, according to announcement by Cemetery Supt. Ken Jenkins. Boy Scouts will distribute programs and city police will direct traffic.

Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, will give the invocation and Dr. Charles Edwards, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will read the scripture and pray the morning prayer. The Kings Mountain high school Chorus will sing the anthems, "When The World Became To Wake" and "Early In The Morning." The congregation will join in the singing of "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."

Zoning Board Declines Request Of Chairman To Build Apartments

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Fields Young and C. B. Cash, Shelby developers, had sought options, provided re-zoning could be obtained, for 90 and 120 days and planned to build a 20-unit complex initially of two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments.

Spring Holidays Begin For Pupils

Spring vacations - from-books for Kings Mountain district students begin on Friday.

The students report back to school on Monday, April 6th - a 10 day respite.

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ROTARY SPEAKER — Senator Marshall A. Rauch of Gastonia will be guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at 12:15 at the Country club. Senator Rauch seeks his third term in the North Carolina Senate.