

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
 City Limits (1966 Census) 8,236
 City Limits (Estimate 1968) 9,300

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Census of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,800 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 1 Township, in Cleveland County and Cleveland County to Gaston County.

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City Board Will Hold Public Hearing On CBD Project

Local News Bulletins

TICKETS ON SALE
 Tickets go on sale tomorrow for the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club's basketball banquet to be held April 23rd at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are \$2 each and may be purchased from any member of the Kiwanis club or at the office of KMHS Principal Jake Atkinson.

IMPROVING
 Mrs. Annie Jolly, organist at Temple Baptist church, continues to improve in the Kings Mountain hospital where she is recuperating from a fall.

FROM HOSPITAL
 Mrs. J. E. Herndon was discharged last Thursday from Kings Mountain hospital where she had been hospitalized after suffering broken ribs via an automobile accident in Virginia several weeks ago. She continues to recuperate at her home.

DIXON TOPIC
 "The Cross and the Garden" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. Robert Wilson at Sunday evening worship services at 7:15 at Dixon Presbyterian church.

MEN'S RALLY
 Men of Kings Mountain Presbyterian will gather for a supper meeting and rally April 19th at Lincoln First Presbyterian church Dr. Lawrence Stell, executive secretary of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church, will make the principal address.

BUILDING PERMIT
 City building permit has been issued to Al Lutz, 800 Jackson street for the erection of a carport estimated to cost \$600.

METER RECEIPTS
 Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$130.00, including \$116.10 from on-street meters and \$13.90 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

SERMON TOPIC
 Dr. Paul Ausley will use the sermon topic, "Could I Do This?" at the Sunday morning worship hour at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.

LUTHERAN TOPIC
 Rev. Charles Easley will use the sermon topic, "On Knowing How To Handle Our Humanity," at Sunday morning worship services at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

TO SEMINAR
 Rev. Albert Hastings, pastor of David Baptist church, will attend a three-day seminar program this week at the School of Pastoral Care and Counseling in Winston-Salem.

LODGE MEETING
 Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will be held Monday night at 7:30 at Masonic Temple, announces Secretary T. D. Tindall.

Daughter Of City's First Mayor Seeks Pictures Of All Mayors

Mrs. Frank Summers is chairman of a city committee seeking pictures of all former mayors for permanent display in the newly remodeled rotunda of City Hall.

Mrs. Summers, in turn, is contacting descendants of former mayors and others who may have access, or be able to locate, the mayoral photographs.

Mrs. Summers herself is a daughter of the first and several times mayor, W. A. Mauney, and has her father's picture.

Among assignments to date are: (Dates of service are incomplete in instances where the mayors had more than one term of service.)

R. S. Sugg (1874) Mrs. Nell Grimes and Mrs. Charles Dilling; J. W. Garrett (1877-79) Mrs. Grimes, Charles and Percy Dilling; A. V. Falls (1880-81) Mrs. Booth Gillespie and Martin Harmon; F. M. Garrett (1887) Mrs. Grimes and the Dilling brothers; H. P. Allison (1887-89) Mrs. Paul

Is Politicking Picking Up Steam?



COUNSELOR—Robert E. Lee of Gastonia is counselor of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Kings Mountain school system.

Interest Appears Quickening

Interest in local and state political campaigns appeared quickening this week, though several candidates reported in the vote-seeking travels previously outward interest seemed minor.

One candidate put it: "People to whom I've talked seemed interested and concerned in national and international events, not politics."

And, May 2 Democratic Primary is only 23 days distant.

In Kings Mountain this week, J. Ollie Harris, candidate for Senate Seat 2 in Gaston-Cleveland Counties was getting some good natured "ribbing" from some of his Piedmont Avenue neighbors.

Local candidates have been pumping hands this week and most have distributed placards and campaign literature.

Friends of Coroner Harris had printed 11 by 22 placards with his picture and the invitation to "Elect J. Ollie Harris May 2". Someone substituted the face of a smiling monkey over the face of Harris on a placard on the window outside the office of Justice of the Peace J. Lee Roberts. The magistrate's office is located a few feet away from the Kings Mountain City Hall and the nearby Harris Funeral Home.

Otherwise, the candidates were being seen at civic club meetings downtown, and Saturday's Bethlehem Fire Department barbecue chicken benefit attracted a half dozen or more.

As far as the number of candidates are concerned, the contest for the two seats on the county board of commissioners, attracts the most attention. Seven candidates — six Democrats and one Republican — are seeking the two seats on the board.

Those who have filed include incumbent B. E. (Pop) Simmons, of Mooresboro, Yates Smith, Jr., of Grover, Myers Hambricht of Kings Mountain, Phil Rucker, Roy Lee Dedmon, and W. W. Lynch, all of Shelby, all after the Democratic nomination. Bob Maner of Kings Mountain is the lone Republican seeking a seat

Lee Heads Rehab Unit

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation with the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction has announced the opening of a new unit, designed to serve the Kings Mountain City School System. The Vocational Rehabilitation office opened March 2 in the Kings Mountain high school building.

Robert E. Lee of Gastonia has been named Rehabilitation Counselor of the new unit. Mrs. Ann W. Young of Grover will be his secretary.

Culprits Lift Mustang Wheels

A 1970 yellow Mustang Mach 1 was relieved of its wheels Tuesday morning between 1:30 and 3 a.m., and police, looking for the culprits, have several suspects, Detective Lt. Bill Roper said Wednesday.

Lt. Roper said no charges have been made.

Damages to the new car, property of Southwell Motor Company, including loss of the wheels, were estimated at \$500. Lt. Roper said. He said the vandals jacked up the car and in the process bowed both bumpers, then left the vehicle on the pavement.

Lt. Roper said city patrolmen had checked the lot of Southwell Motor Company at 1:30 Tuesday morning, returned to check again an hour and a half later and discovered the vandalism. Lt. Roper said a similar incident occurred at Southwell's a month ago when another 1970 Mustang, parked inside the locked fence, was jacked up and the wheels removed.

Rev. Grier, 74 Dies In Crash

Rev. Thomas Henry Grier, 74, of Grover, was killed at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday when the car he was operating crashed head-on with a taxi operated by Ronald Carroll Queen, 24, of Route 4, Shelby, on Washburn Switch road in Shelby.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, will be announced by M. A. Enloe Mortuary in Shelby.

Assistant Coroner M. B. Walker, who investigated the accident, said Grier, Negro minister, was dead on arrival at Cleveland Memorial hospital. Queen suffered broken legs, back and head injuries.

Firemen from the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene, but no fire was reported.

According to N. C. Highway Patrolman J. L. Evans, a witness reported that Queen was traveling south on the PPG road and Grier north. Queen was reportedly traveling about 65 miles per hour and on the wrong side of the road. The two cars crashed head-on.

Evans said he charged Queen with driving left of the center and manslaughter. According to Evans, both cars were total losses.

"New Sounds" To Play Saturday

"The New Sounds" will provide music for Saturday night's American Legion dance at the American Legion building. Dancing will be from 9 until 12 p.m., and Legionnaires, their wives and guests are invited to attend.

Narcotics Problem Mushrooming Says Plonk

Hal S. Plonk, Democratic candidate for the State House of Representatives, this week endorsed a program of narcotics awareness in every elementary school in the state.

Plonk, a real estate broker and developer, said the state has been too easy, too relaxed, too slow to act against the mushrooming problem of narcotics.

"Every law enforcement officer dealing with this rapidly increasing problem tells me that if you wait until a child is 15 years old to begin educating him, you've lost him," said Plonk.

He added, "If you want to save society, you've got to save the children, for if you don't do it while they're young, it's too late when they get older."

Plonk said he feels it can be done with a minimum amount

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Will Pryor's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Will Pryor, 21, were held Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. from First Nazarene church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Pryor died Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Mar Glopinning Mill where he had reported to work. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pryor and a member of First Nazarene church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Carrie Guinn Pryor; two stepsons, James Guinn of Washington, D. C. and Bobby Guinn of Kings Mountain; six sisters, Mrs. Nelson Dixon, Mrs. Franklin Davis, Mrs. Tom Champion, Mrs. Jasper Philbeck and Mrs. Frank Goforth, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Ross Reed of Thomasville; and three grandchildren.

Rev. C. A. Bost, assisted by Rev. Edwin Chriscoe, officiated at the final rites.

Thomas Awarded Vietnam Medals Posthumously

Mrs. Margaret Ware Thomas received two posthumous Vietnam decorations, the Military Merit Medal and the Cross of Gallantry with Palm, earned by her late son Corporal Gregory Wayne Thomas, U. S. Marine Corps, in ceremonies Thursday at City Hall.

The citation reads, "Service man of courage and rare self-sacrifice, he displayed at all times the most tactful cooperation while aiding the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam to repel the Red wave unrelenting South Vietnam and Southeast Asia."

"With a ready zeal and commendable response, he fought on to the end in every mission and set a brilliant example for his fellow marines."

"Cpl. Thomas died in the performance of duty May 21, 1968 in Vietnam. Behind him he leaves the abiding grief of his comrades in arms, Vietnamese as well

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MEDAL PRESENTATION — Two awards were posthumously presented to Marine Cpl. Gregory Wayne Thomas in ceremonies at Kings Mountain City Hall Thursday. Mrs. Margaret Ware Thomas, left, mother of the late Cpl. Thomas, receives two Vietnam decorations, the Military Merit Medal and the Cross of Gallantry with Palm, from Captain Dillard W. Copeland of Greenville, S. C. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Student Job Pool Organization Set

Committee Was Meeting On Wednesday

The Mayor's committee on youth employment organized for the summer at a meeting Wednesday night at City Hall.

Franklin Ware, who chaired the committee last year, said purpose is again to help find summer jobs for high school-age and college-age students who will be returning home for the summer months about June 1.

Mr. Ware estimated that this committee, in conjunction with the Shelby office of the Employment Security Commission, of

which he is director, will be asked to help obtain 250 jobs for youth of the community.

REGISTRATION DAYS

Students desiring summer employment are invited to make application at the National Guard Armory on Saturday, April 18th, and Saturday, May 2nd, from 9 until 12 noon. College students may have their parents secure forms for them and these may be mailed back to the registrar. Efforts will be made to place junior college age students in jobs in accordance with their majors, Chairman Ware said.

The city's job pool last summer placed nearly 250 youth in summer work, said Ware.

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People Affected In Project Area Urged To Attend Tuesday Meeting

Principal business on the city commission for Tuesday night's regular meeting is conducting a public hearing on the central business district redevelopment project.

Otherwise, the commission is expected to designate the week-end of May 6, 7, 8 for an intensive clean-up, fix-up, paint-up effort in which civic clubs, garden clubs, Boy and Girl Scout troops will be asked to cooperate in a "massive effort."

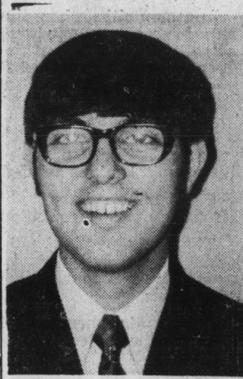
Mayor John Henry Moss said he will also request of the board authorization to form a committee to make Kings Mountain an all-American city.

SEE RELATED EDITORIAL
 The Mayor said the CBD hearing will be for the purpose of explaining the preliminary site plan, for hearing support for it and objections to it.

Joe Laney, director of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, said it will be several weeks before final appraisals will be compiled on prices of properties to be acquired.

Appraisals on all properties will be obtained from two registered appraisers, these appraisals then being reviewed by the North Carolina appraiser for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Mercer Simmons.

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LICENSED — Bill Brooks has received his pharmacist's license and is a member of the staff of Griffin Drug Company.

Bill Brooks Joins Griffin's

Bill Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jennings Brooks of Lattimore, has been licensed as a pharmacist and has joined the staff of Griffin Drug Company. A 1969 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy at Chapel Hill, Brooks has been notified by the N. C. Board of Pharmacy that he has successfully completed all requirements and has been duly licensed a registered pharmacist.

Mr. Brooks earned his B.S. in Pharmacy in August 1969 and has served internship at Boiling Spring Drug Store and here at Griffin Drug. His training includes pharmacy service in N. C. Memorial hospital at Chapel Hill.

He is married to the former Carolyn Rave Spangler of Lattimore and they reside in Lattimore.

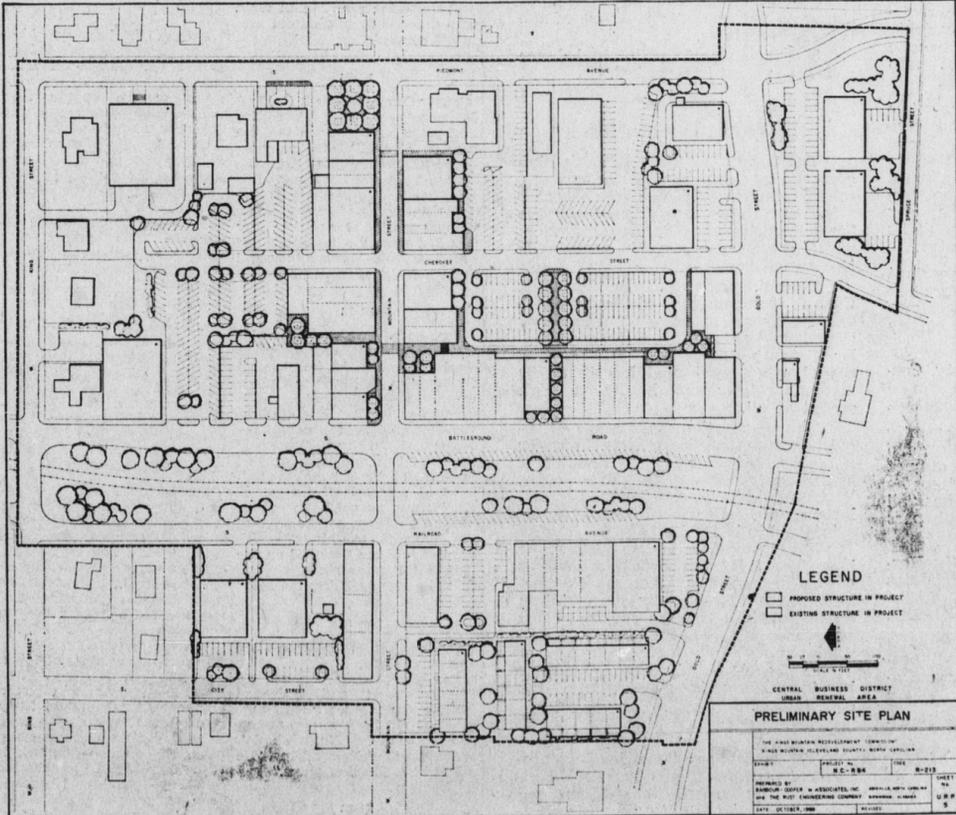
Wilson Griffin, partner in Griffin Drug, commented, "We are extremely proud of Bill Brooks and congratulate him on his achievement."

Democrats Elect Carpenter Chairman

Charles T. Carpenter, Jr. has been elected chairman of the West Kings Mountain Democratic Precinct.

Mr. Carpenter was elected Saturday morning at the precinct meeting called by Chairman J. Ollie Harris.

Chairman Harris is a candidate for State Senator and announced his decision to resign when primary opposition developed. Grady Thomas, of Shelby, filed against Mr. Harris.



SITE OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT
 (Area is bounded by City, Gold and West King Streets and by Piedmont Avenue)