

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

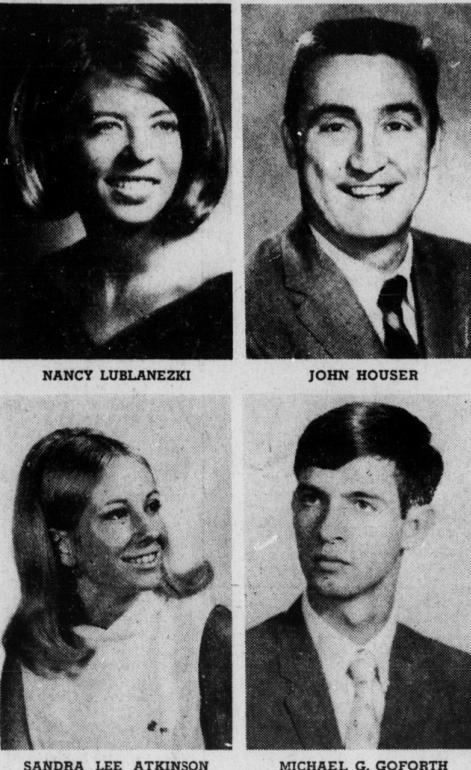
... Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the Special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,890 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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College Diplomas Awarded To Four

Additional students are receiving degrees from colleges and universities.

Michael G. Goforth, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Goforth of Cherryville, has departed for Naval duty at Newport, Rhode Island where he will attend communications school. After completion of a thirteen week course of study, he will report aboard the U.S.S. Independence for a tour of duty.

Goforth was commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Navy in a ceremony at the Duke University Law School Building Sunday, May 31. He graduated on Monday, June 1, receiving an A.B. degree, Majoring in English while at Duke, he plans to teach following his tour with the Navy.

A 1966 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Goforth was active in campus activities while at Duke. He was member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, and held positions of responsibility in the NROTC program.

Goforth is grandson of Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Sr. of Kings Mountain. John Houser, Sr., vice president of North State Bank of Burlington, formerly of Grover, is among 270 bankers to receive certificates at graduation ceremonies Friday, June 12, ending the 21st annual session of the School of Banking of the South. The School meets for two weeks each summer at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, under sponsorship of 15 Southern state bankers' associations.

During its existence, the School has now awarded certificates to 2,731 bankers. "Our objectives are to improve the quality of banking by helping to make better bankers," Bradley Currey, director.

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Bob Cashion Guest Organist

Robert Cashion was guest organist June 5 and 7 at the University Baptist Church at the University of Maryland on a program commemorating 160 years of witness to the Nation's Capital.

Mr. Cashion who is now choir director and organist at Grace United Methodist Church was organist at the Maryland church for 11 years. The church is second largest in the D. C. convention.

He performed music by Bach, Guilman, and a less informal medley of beloved music for organ.

Causby Child Is Injured

City police reported no accidents occurred during the city limits since June 8th.

Patrolman E. M. Ball said Bobby Jo Causby, age four, of McGinnis street, was treated for injuries at Kings Mountain hospital when she reportedly darted into the path of a car operated by Russell Wayne Wright, 20, of 1327 Ware street, Gastonia.

Mr. Wright told Patrolman Ball a parked vehicle on McGinnis street was letting children out of the car about 7:30 p.m. He said he thought all the children were standing by the parked car, so he started to pass when the youngest ran in front of his car. No charges were preferred.

Legislative School Problem Remedy Is Asked

Second Appraisal On CBD Complete

Second appraisal report on 44 properties to be acquired in the central business district renewal project has been received and is being reviewed by the Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission and its staff.

Director Joseph M. Laney reported the initial appraisal by Mercer Simmons and the second by Frank Hoyle as "remarkably close".

In fact, he said, 59 percent of the appraisals are within five percent of the same figure.

Carl F. Mauney, chairman of the Redevelopment commission, said next step is to recommend "fair market value" on each of the properties to the Atlanta regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The HUD office must concur.

Chairman Mauney emphasized that the policy of the Redevelopment commission will be to recommend the highest value possible on each property. He said it would require about two weeks for the appraisals study to be completed.

Each of the appraisal reports approximates 400 pages.

Mr. Laney said that, in determining fair market value, the value will be based on the time a property is to be purchased.

Principal variance (over 15 percent) between the Simmons and Hoyle appraisals occurred on eight parcels. These are "severance" parcels, parcels which are portions of lots.

Mr. Laney gave this summary of the two appraisal reports: Same 2; within five percent 23; within ten percent 7; within 15 percent 4; over 15 percent variance 8.

Simmons, Hoyle Figures Close, Laney Reports

WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Moffatt Kennedy, formerly of Kings Mountain, has been named winner of an E. B. Kennedy Scholarship, highest scholarship to Erskine college.

In Kings Mountain young Kennedy's father was principal of East school. Young Kennedy accelerated his high school work and finished the prescribed work this year in three years.

Given in memory of the late Dr. Ebermezer, Ebermezer Kennedy, for 37 years an Erskine professor, E. B. Kennedy Scholarships are awarded annually to an outstanding young man and woman who are members of the A. R. Presbyterian church.

In Kings Mountain the Kennedys were active in Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church.

Peterson Rites To Be Conducted

John Thomas Peterson, age 68, of 319 Waco Rd. died suddenly Tuesday afternoon at 4:55 p.m. of a heart attack. He was a member of Temple Baptist church. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peterson.

Surviving are his wife, Ellarce Dellinger Peterson; one son, Jack Peterson of Kings Mountain, one stepson Clyde Harrelson of Kings Mountain; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Robert Ruff of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Newton of Fayetteville, N. C., Mrs. Arthur Blackwell of Inman, S. C. and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. from Temple Baptist church conducted by Rev. Frank Shirley and Rev. Leonard Huffstetter. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until the hour of service.

Thursday Sign-Up Day On Petition For Fair Treatment of Prisoners

Kings Mountain Jaycees and local members of the N. C. National Guard will join other Guardsmen and Jaycees in the state Thursday, dubbed "Signature Day", in effort to obtain the signatures of all citizens on petitions to influence world opinion regarding American servicemen held captive in Hanoi.

Bob Scoggins, local spokesman for the Jaycees, said the petitions will be sent to the Washington ambassadors of Denmark, France, India, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Sweden.

The local Army will be open all day to the public and citizens are invited to stop by and sign a petition.

The seven nations, said Scoggins which will have represented themselves as possessing influence in Hanoi, hopefully will make known the unanimity of North Carolina opinion against the treatment of captive U.S. servicemen.

In addition to Governor Bob Scott, who has endorsed this program, and the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D. C., others already supporting Signature Day include the AMVEPS, the Disabled American Veterans, the Rotarians, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Veterans of World War I of the USA, the Kiwanians, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion and the N. C. Department of Veterans Affairs.

East KM Area Pupils Welcome, Says School Body

The Kings Mountain board of education Monday night reiterated its position that the Kings Mountain district "welcomes students from Gaston County into the district."

The 35 to 40 students affected in this action live in that part of Kings Mountain, which is in Gaston county.

Parents of these students have requested that their area be annexed to the Kings Mountain district, and board members agreed to make the request so that General Assembly action may be taken.

The students now pay tuition to Kings Mountain schools in lieu of being bused to Gaston County schools. They must obtain permission each year, from the Gaston Board of Education to attend Kings Mountain schools.

Griffis Rites Set Saturday

Wesley Griffis, 77, died Tuesday night in the Kings Mountain hospital after a brief illness.

The body will be shipped by Sisk Funeral Home to Starke, Fla. Thursday for funeral services on Saturday.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie S. Griffis; seven sons, Rev. Troy Griffis of Gastonia, William Griffis of Kings Mountain, R. D. Griffis of Starke, Fla., Junior Griffis of De Soto, Fla., and Bobby, Maxie and Harvey Lee Griffis, all of Starke, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Couterise of Lake City, Fla. and Miss Beck Griffis of Deland, Fla., and 17 grandchildren.

Mr. Griffis, of Starke, Fla., had been visiting Kings Mountain area relatives.

Scholarship To Kennedy

Mrs. Harry's Rites Conducted

Mrs. Minnie Lee Shepard Harry, 81, of 200 E. Indiana Ave., Grover died at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of Second Baptist church. Her parents were the late Thomas and Carolyn Allen Sheppard. Her husband was the late Clayton Durham Harry.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Lorraine Shields of Bessemer City; two sisters, Mrs. S. E. Neal of Bessemer City and Mrs. R. W. Hayden of Lawrence, S. C.; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at Sisk East Chapel at 3 p.m. by the Rev. Marion J. Pierce, the Rev. R. C. Frank and the Rev. Charles Robbins. Burial will follow in the El Bethel Methodist Church cemetery.

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Make Applications Formal, Says Harper

"If you have applied for low-rent housing before, you must now formalize your request to be declared eligible," Thomas W. Harper, executive director of Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority said Wednesday.

"We are now making final check-outs as to eligibility of applicants," Mr. Harper added. "Some of the low-rent housing units will be ready for occupancy soon."

The housing office is now located in its permanent quarters at 201 McGill Court off East Ridge street, between Carpenter and Gaston. It is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Saturdays.

Local Alumni Surpass Quota

DUE WEST, S. C. — Ninety-eight percent of all Erskine alumni in the Kings Mountain, N. C. Chapter contributed to the 1969-70 Erskine College Living Endowment Campaign, helping that campaign to reach a new record of \$184,296 in contributions from 3,904 alumni and 760 non-alumni friends of Erskine.

The Kings Mountain chapter was one of nine Erskine alumni chapters — out of a total of 48 chapters — to surpass 95 per cent participation. Each of these chapters earned an additional \$100 challenge grant for the campaign.

Under the chairmanship of John Cheshire of Kings Mountain, 44 out of 45 alumni in the Kings Mountain chapter contributed to the Living Endowment. Their contributions totaled \$1,264.00.

The communities and chapters included in the Kings Mountain chapter are Kings Mountain, under the chairmanship of Mrs. James E. Still.

Legion Dance

Members and guests are invited to an American Legion Dance Saturday 9-12 p.m. at the Legion Building on York Road. The newly opened dining room will serve from 6-11 p.m.

N. C. Bush New Grace Pastor

Rev. J. C. Lane of 805 Katherine Ave., pastor of Grace Methodist Church, is being transferred to the Mocksville Liberty Concord Methodist Church. His replacement at Grace will be Rev. N. C. Bush, presently at Belwood, N. C.

The changes were announced by the Western North Carolina United Methodist Conference which ended Sunday at Lake Junaluska. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. named two new district superintendents and assigned more than 800 other clergymen for the 1970-71 year in the western North Carolina United Methodist Conference.

Party Convention Features Edmisten

Rufus L. Edmisten, Chief Counsel and Staff Director of Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr.'s Subcommittee on Separation of Powers, will keynote the Cleveland County Democratic Convention at 1:00 p.m., June 20 at the Courthouse in Shelby.

He will be introduced by Former State Senator Clyde Nolan, of Shelby.

Mr. Edmisten received the Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and religion from the University of North Carolina in 1963, and the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree, with honors, from George Washington University Law School, in 1967. He served on the George Washington University Law Review, and was president of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

His wife, Jane Moretz Edmisten, also a native of Boone, North Carolina, attended the University of North Carolina and the George Washington University Law School with her husband, and also served on the Law Review and received the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree with honors.

Mr. Edmisten is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the District of Columbia Bar Association, and is Regional Vice President of the Young Lawyers Section of the Federal Bar Association. He also served as Treasurer of the Capitol Hill Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and is a member of the Board of Governors and General Secretary of that organization.

Besides being licensed to practice before local courts, he has been accepted for practice before the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and before the U. S. Court of Military Appeals.

Active in North Carolina political affairs, Mr. Edmisten is first vice president of the North Carolina Democratic Club, and was chairman of its annual banquet in 1969. He is also national coordinator for the North Carolina Young Democratic Club, and was a delegate from Watauga County to the 1968 North Carolina Democratic Convention in Raleigh. He has spoken to Democratic gatherings throughout North Carolina under the auspices of the Speakers Bureau of the North Carolina Young Democratic Club.

Besides his professional interests, Mr. Edmisten raises cattle and horses with his father in Boone.

Aide To Ervin To Be Keynote For Democrats

Miss Brewer Wins Master's

Miss Andra Neisler Brewer of Henderson, N. C. received her Masters Degree at the 126th Annual Commencement of State University of New York at Albany, on June 21st. Miss Brewer is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. W. F. Brewer of Henderson. Mrs. Brewer is the former Pauline Neisler of Kings Mountain.

Miss Brewer received her Masters Degree in "Criminal Justice" and presently holds a position with the Department of Justice in Boston, Mass. Capt. and Mrs. Brewer flew to Albany and attended the ceremony.

Miss Brewer Wins Master's

Williams Joins Bank Staff

Arthur W. Williams, a Kings Mountain native, has joined the Promotion Qualification (PQ) Program at North Carolina National Bank here.

He has been assigned as a credit analyst in the Credit Department.

The PQ Program, unique in banking, is designed for college graduates. Instead of the traditional employee indoctrination program, a college graduate is assigned initially to an area of banking based on his educational background, his personal interests and the bank's needs.

Williams is a 1961 graduate of Lincoln high school, attended Gaston College in 1967-68 and earlier this month was awarded a degree in economics at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963 until 1966.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Williams, live on N. Watkinson Street in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Hawkins' Rites Conducted

Mrs. Neal Hawkins, lifelong resident of Gaston County, died at 1 o'clock Thursday morning in a Charlotte Hospital.

Funeral services were held Friday at 4 p.m. at the home on Neal Hawkins Rd., with the Rev. William Leist in charge. Burial was in the Olney Presbyterian Church cemetery.

The former Julia Blanche Falls, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Sara Elizabeth Falls, born Feb. 26, 1891.

She was married to Neal Hawkins, Gastonia grading and paving contractor, on Nov. 24, 1909.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Howard Hawkins of Gastonia and Neal Hawkins Jr. of Hendersonville; four daughters, Mrs. Douglas French of Belmont and Mrs. B. J. Magnier, Mrs. Joseph Allen and Mrs. Hoke Hanna Jr., all of Gastonia; and one sister, Mrs. Campbell Dixon of Gastonia.

Mrs. Hawkins was an active member of Olney Presbyterian Church.

Bovine Most Popular Farm Animal In County; Population Up To 9,000

By LINDA BISER BEHRNS

The farm animal population of Cleveland County is heavy on the cattle side with probably some 7,000 to 9,000 cows of breeding age, says J. C. Barber, county cattle agent. Each year they produce about 70 to 80% as many calves which are sold away to midwestern fatteners at a profit of about \$50 each "if a man does a real good job," Mr. Barber says.

That profit figure accounts for depreciation, repairs and taxes. The cattle raising profits look slim at 32 to 33 cents a pound for calf on the hoof compared to the 1.39 per pound for round steak at the super market.

But Mr. Barber views cattle raising as an alternate use for the land "until such time as the land developers take it all for shopping centers and subdivisions." Only about 100 sheep live here and the largest single group of hogs totals 150 sows.

He and I tried to account for the lopsided, little represented sheep population on the basis of area meat tastes. Very little lamb is eaten here perhaps explaining the dearth of sheep, but the pork

There is no promotion of the sheep producing industry in Cleveland. The people are not interested, don't have the inclination or the knowledge to do it here, according to Mr. Barber. Also, packs of dogs often attack sheep. Despite the lack of sheep, some wool is sold in a wool pool.

The poultry industry is the largest single agricultural enterprise in the county but there is no poultry agent. Rather poultrymen are "vertically integrated." They are under contract with feed manufacturers who provide management services and the farmers raise their flock to certain specifications.

Cattle are no longer housed in barns with a loft above for storing hay. "Barns are leftovers from days gone by," Mr. Barber says. Hay is now stored on the floor of pole barns.

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