

# Population

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

...The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1968, and includes the 14,900 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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# Fox: Buffalo Creek Water Project News Is All Good

## Treatment Plant Began Operating Noon Wednesday

By MARTIN HARMON  
 "All the news is good on the Buffalo Creek water project," Dennis Fox, resident engineer for W. K. Dickson Company, said Wednesday.

- Items:
- 1) The treatment plant went into operation at noon Wednesday.
  - 2) All finished water pumps are set in place.
  - 3) The million-gallon capacity receiving tank at the treatment plant will be filled by Thursday.
  - 4) Flushing of the 24-inch mainline from the plant to the city will begin Monday or Tuesday.
  - 5) The concrete sub-contractor will begin work on the 350-foot spillway and 75-foot runway next week with completion of the dam about one month distant.

Mr. Fox said it has been indicated that settlement is near on acquisition of the property of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cline. Discussion was held this week with Mr. Cline and with Buford Cline of the adjacent Double B ranch on arrangements for an ingress-egress road for Double B.

He added that agreement appears near with Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Cline on a grubbing clearing contract.

## Board Accepts Charlotte Pupils



Funeral rites for Mrs. Ralph C. Early, 83, were held Tuesday afternoon from Central United Methodist church.

## Students Asked Mecklenburg Bus Problem Escape

The Kings Mountain board of education Monday night accepted three students from Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system.

Jean Caune, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Caune of Charlotte and granddaughter of Mrs. Orangel Jolly of 400 Fulton Drive, has been assigned to the fifth grade at East school; Clark Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt Ware, Jr. of Charlotte and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mayes and Mrs. Moffatt Ware, Sr., has been assigned to the fifth grade at East school; and Sheryl Ann Camp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Camp of Charlotte, has been assigned to the sixth grade at Grover school and is residing in Grover with his grandparents.

The desire on the part of the parents to enroll their children here stems directly from the busing situation in Charlotte, Mrs. Caune, who appeared with her mother at Monday night's board meeting, told the board, "I'm not against integration," she said. "If someone lives in the neighborhood I don't mind them attending the neighborhood school but I don't feel my child should be bused 15 miles across town."

The child's grandmother, who lives in the West school attendance zone, had asked the board to assign the child to West. Supt. Donald Jones said all schools were full with exception of East, Bethware and Grover. He said the third and fifth grades at West are crowded and that some transfer requests to West had to be denied because of this.

Twenty-eight students were re-assigned by the board on the requests of parents Monday night.

In making the three motions to accept the three out-of-district students, Philip Francis of Grover said: "It is our responsibility to take care of students who reside in our own district first. Since these children are willing to pay tuition and obtain release from the Mecklenburg system I move we honor these requests."

## Litter Complaint Filed By Citizens

### 45 Citizens Protesting Refuse Dumping

Forty-five citizens who live in the area of the garbage disposal area have addressed a letter to Mayor John Henry Moss and the city commission charging that city garbage trucks are littering their yards and dropping smelly refuse along the roads leading to the site.

Mayor Moss, on vacation in Wausau, Wisconsin, this week, told the Herald by phone Wednesday afternoon, "I was not aware of any problem, but an immediate investigation will be made and all means of eliminating any littering by the city will be taken."

"We the people in the area of the new City Dump are very upset. We have asked you why you permit the City Garbage and Trash trucks to use the County Roads, rather than the City Roads built for this purpose. OUR YARDS AND ADJACENT AREAS ARE POLLUTED AND SMELLING JUST LIKE THE DUMP ITSELF.

"These trucks spill garbage, trees, debris, nails, etc., all over the area. Why spend taxpayers money for a paved road to the City Dump and allow City Trucks to use another route. We feel the County Health Department would condemn this practice, however, since you have publicly stated that Kings Mountain can administer its own affairs, we appeal to you. How can you expect Kings Mountain to maintain its present prestige if you allow this condition to exist. TO BRING THE MATTER CLOSER, WOULD YOU PERMIT THIS IF YOUR HOME WAS IN THIS AREA???"

"Remember, while we live outside the City limits, our children go to school in Kings Mountain, our relatives live in Kings Mountain, we work in Kings Mountain, our interests are in Kings Mountain, i.e. we live on this side of BUFFALO CREEK. Our Allegiance is with Kings Mountain. Your interest in our problem is VOID.

"Your City Police diligently police your speed limits. Come to our area and see your own City Trucks endanger our children by speeding on this road. . . Partial enforcement, complete disregard, otherwise.

"May we suggest you consult with your commissioners, and your Public Works people to find a remedy. Nothing in our section guarantees your reelection."



TO MARYLAND — Robert (Bob) Cashion has resumed his former duties as secretary to the president of the University of Maryland and as organizer for the University Baptist church. Mr. Cashion, son of Mrs. Minnie Cashion, has served as Minister of Music at Grace Methodist church.

## Phifer Property Auction Oct. 20

Real estate of the late Martin Phifer will be sold at public auction October 20.

The five tracts lying west of Kings Mountain high school are being sold by court-appointed Commissioners Crawley B. Cash, Jr., and George B. Thomason under a special proceedings to settle the Phifer estate.

Under terms of the sale the properties will be offered by each tract than on the whole, the highest bids being accepted. Cash deposit of ten percent will be required with balance on confirmation of the sale.

The five tracts contain approximately 131 acres.

## Temple Baptists To Break Ground

Temple Baptist church on Cansler Street will have a groundbreaking ceremony this coming Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Construction will soon begin on a new 500 seat sanctuary; a new two-story educational addition; and the remodeling of the present educational building.

Ralph Lee Construction Company of Greenville S. C. will be the builder.

After the history-making ceremony, dinner will be served under the huge shade trees for the last time. The trees are standing where the new sanctuary will be located.

Rev. Frank Shirley is pastor of the church.

## Jaycees To Sponsor Football Contest

Kings Mountain Jaycees, in cooperation with Wade Ford, Inc. will sponsor the 10th annual Fall Pass and Kick competition October 3.

Trophies will be presented to first, second and third place winners and boys ages 8-13 are eligible to participate.

Youngsters interested in participating in the football contest are invited to accompany their parents to the Ford dealership on Shelby road and register in order to be eligible.

There is no entry fee.

## Chief McDevitt To Be Speaker

Police Chief Tom McDevitt will speak on "Narcotics" at Central Junior high school auditorium Monday night.

All interested parents in the Kings Mountain area are invited to attend and hear Chief McDevitt at 7 p.m.

## Cansler Project Meeting Set

A pre-construction conference on the Cansler street widening project has been set for the state highway building at Shelby at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Among those present will be representatives of the highway department, the city, and Spangler & Sons, successful bidders on the project.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the Spangler firm has indicated already it will begin work on October 5 and expects to have curb-and-gutter installed and paved sections of the widened street graded and stoned by Christmas.

Cansler street is to be widened and curb and gutter installed from Walker street to West Gold street.

## Ed Smith Is Elected

Ed Henry Smith of Kings Mountain has been named co-chairman of the Local Development Company Committee of the Small Business Administration, North Carolina District and Community Advisory Council.

He will serve along with Robert E. Leak, chairman, and 23 members from over the state.

Mrs. Smith will go to Greensboro October 6-7 for a two-day meeting of the organization to set up details of the year's work.



CROWNING CEREMONIES — Ken Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Compton, 38 Smythe Ave., Greenville, and Frances McGill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John C. McGill 703 Hillside Drive, Kings Mountain, were crowned "Rat King and Queen" at Erskine College Friday, September 18, during the annual Rat Hop which brought Rat Week to a close at Erskine. Crowning them are sophomore class president Robert Alexander, Gastonia, N. C., left, and the 1969 Rat Queen, Frances Dougherty of Charleston, far right. The Rat Hop culminated a week of freshman-sophomore class competition and activity at Erskine. (Photo by D. K. Lee, Jr.)

## Aim Of Waste Use Policy Is Aired At Meeting Here

### Proposed Ordinance Is Discussed

A proposed waste use ordinance was discussed by Kings Mountain industrialists, city officials, and state officials Monday night.

It was the first in a series of meetings designed to produce a workable and fair ordinance that also will meet the test of federal and state regulations.

Commissioner Jim Dickey, chairman of the city commission sewage disposal committee, presided.

Wilbur Long, of Raleigh, chief of the municipal waste section of the state's Water and Air Resources commission, outlined the growing problems both in state and nation of handling waste against a growing residential and industrial population.

Chairman Dickey and Col. W. K. Dickson, city consulting engineer, related the city situation, particularly as regards the McGill treatment plant, which had operational breakdown in February and hasn't regained full operational efficiency since. The breakdown has been attributed to excess effluent of toxic industrial waste.

Joe Kakasay, of K Mills, charged that the city in inviting him to locate here, promised full city services and now appeared to be abrogating its commitments.

Col. Dickson averred, "We have a letter in which you stated a need for 20,000 gallons of water per day, and you're now using 100,000. We're all glad you're so prosperous."

Chairman Dickey explained special invitations went to industries using largest quantities of water, which implied waste use problems.

Industries represented were Craftsman, Inc., (the city's largest water user), Duplex-International, K Mills Oxford Industries, Neisco, Inc., Mauney Hosiery Company and Lambeth Rope Corporation.

## S. R. Pearson's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Stanley Robert Pearson Sr., 84, of 403 Chestnut street, were held Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Second Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Pearson died Thursday morning at 6:35 in the Kings Mountain hospital after three years' illness.

He was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Pearson.

Rev. Eugene Land, assisted by Rev. W. T. Luckadoo, officiated at the final rites. Grandsons of Mr. Pearson were pallbearers.

He was a member of Second Baptist church.

Mr. Pearson, a longtime sports enthusiast, had accompanied the Kings Mountain Teeners to Hershey, Pennsylvania several years ago when they played in the World Series Teener League baseball tournament. Until his illness, he had missed only two Little League games in 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Jane Hawkins Pearson; seven sons, Olland Pearson, Tillman Pearson, Flay Pearson, Everett Pearson, Arthur Pearson, and Roy Pearson, all of Kings Mountain and S. R. Pearson, Jr. of Bessemer City; two daughters, Mrs. Lona Mae Gaddy of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Roberta Cobb of Detroit, Michigan; a brother, Julius Pearson of Marion; two sisters, Mrs. Callie McDaniel of Wilkesboro and Mrs. Florence Navy of Charlotte; 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

## Intent To Rape Charge Lodged Against Surratt

James Surratt, 20-year-old Negro service veteran, of Childers street, has been charged with assault with intent to commit rape on an unidentified white school girl.

The alleged offense took place at 7:50 Tuesday near the corner of South Gaston and East King streets.

The accosted girl says she was walking to Central school to catch a bus to the high school when she was attacked from behind, a hand over her mouth and another around her waist and that she was dragged behind Harold's Gulf station.

Police Chief Tom McDevitt says David Strickland, also school-bound, heard the girl screaming saw her accoster run across the Harris-Teeter parking lot.

The Chief says that, from the description given by young Strickland and of Jethro Parker, East Gold street, Surratt's cousin who met Surratt walking east on Gold street shortly after the alleged assault, Lt. Bob Hayes arrested Surratt at his job at K Mills.

Surratt was expected to make bond of \$500 Wednesday.

Preliminary hearing will be set in Cleveland County District court.

## Tax Pre-Payments To Date \$77,289

Pre-payments of city taxes for the current year totaled \$77,289.01 Wednesday.

The estimated revenue from ad valorem taxes is \$272,585.00. The one percent discount period ends October 1st.

## PH A Project On Margrace Road Will Get Underway On October 1

Henry Whitesides, Gastonia lawyer and realty developer, has informed Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority he will begin construction of the 50-unit project on Margrace road by October 1.

He said the contractor is R. H. Pinnix Construction Company of Gastonia.

The Housing Authority gave final go-ahead to plans Tuesday of the housing which it will lease from the Whitesides firm.

Meantime, Thomas W. Harper, director of the housing authority, said that 118 of the 150 units of

## Tommy Wells To Be Ordained

Tommy Wells will be ordained as a deacon at a Service of Ordination Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock morning worship service at Westover Baptist church.

Mr. Wells is employed with Dover Mills.

He has been a Westover member for three years.

## Blood Bank Returns Friday

Have you ever wondered why blood is available at exactly the instant it is needed by a patient in our community? According to Shuford Peeler, Chairman of the Kings Mountain Red Cross Blood Program, it is a tremendous community effort.

The correct type of blood for immediate demand does not just appear. A Red Cross bloodmobile is scheduled weeks in advance. Housewives must be contacted and given a time to work—as registrars, escorts, and canteen workers. Doctors must agree to donate their time. Volunteer nurses must be secured to administer the blood donor process. Newspapers and radios assist with publicity to notify the community of the bloodmobile visit.

But the most important contribution is the donor himself. "We are extremely fortunate in our section of the country," said Mr. Peeler "because our people care. When a bloodmobile comes around our folks donate. Therefore, when one of their loved ones needs the blood, it is available."

After the blood is collected at the bloodmobile it is taken to the Red Cross Blood Center in Charlotte for processing. It is then made available to all hospitals of the area because they are participants of the Red Cross Blood Program. Most units are prepared as whole blood, but also prepared are components and plasma protein derivatives for specialized treatment and Red Cross distributes these products to hospitals and physicians who require them for their patients. After reaching the 21-day limit, unused whole blood becomes the source of derivatives such as gamma globulin, serum albumin, or vaccine immune globulin. Hospitals can anticipate their demands to an extent and order their supply from Red Cross accordingly. However, in case of an emergency more

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## Phifer Line News Was Not Good

If your water pressure was low Tuesday night and what you got was dirty, here's the reason.

Grady Yelton, superintendent of public works, said the 12-inch water line on Phifer Road "blew up" or broke in one spot, creating a serious work problem for the city water department crewmen. Mr. Yelton did not speculate on the cause.

By morning the line had been repaired and water pressure was back to normal.

Several persons said they planned early morning calls to the plumber.

The Phifer Road line, installed by Ray D. Lowder Construction Company, of Albemarle, was an addenda to the city water system expansion after the southwest area was annexed to the city limits.

## Atkins To Open Headquarters

Jim Atkins, Republican candidate for the state senate from Gaston-Cleveland Counties, is the first local GOP candidate to open his own headquarters.

The headquarters, which has already been functioning for several weeks, will be officially opened on Thursday (today) at 7:30 p.m. with a brief ceremony at 193 West Main street in Gastonia. There will be free coffee and doughnuts for the public.

Mr. Atkins, a Gastonia lawyer and a former publisher of the Gastonia Gazette, opposes J. Ollie Harris, Democrat, of Kings Mountain for the senate seat being vacated by Senator Jack White of Kings Mountain who did not seek re-election.