

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 14,950 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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TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH GROUNDBREAKING HELD — Members of Temple Baptist church broke ground recently for construction to begin soon on a new 500-seat sanctuary, a new two-story educational addition and the remodeling of the present educational building. Participating in the ceremonies were officers of the church: front row, from left to right, Bill Childers, chairman of the board of deacons; L. V. Gaffney, oldest member; Janet Childers, youngest member; Bill McMurry, chairman of the building committee; J. C. Clary, trustee; Dewey Styers, deacon; C. H. Owens, trustee; and Rev. Frank Shirley, pastor. Back row, from left to right, Henry Carroll, Paul Ivey, James Webster, all deacons; Corbet Nicholson, trustee; W. W. Morehead, Raeford White, Everett Fleming, all deacons. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Buffalo: December 1 Completion Date

Record Crowds Attend 67th Harvest Event

The weatherman was smiling yesterday for the 67th annual Woman's Club Community Festival held on the 190th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain.

Thousands of fairgoers were enjoying turkey and ham with all the trimmings in the Woman's club dining room at noon and in the evening.

Exhibit halls, which ranged from flowers to industrial exhibits, children's handicrafts and paintings by young and old alike, reflected the hard work by the sponsoring organization in presenting a show which was open to everyone and reflected the talents of many people whether in growing flowers or in producing a work of art or sewing abilities which teens demonstrated along with their parents.

The Autumn show attracted a record number of exhibits as several families exhibited a specialty of Mom, Dad or the younger members.

The women in the kitchen preparing the meals also received accolades for their ability with the skillet.

The Kings Mountain Battle Anniversary theme was featured in patriotic decorations. Conversation pieces were the table centerpieces and piano decoration which featured styrofoam replicas of the monument at Kings Mountain National Military Park, and the mountain men and Britishers, all the work of local women who made the decorations and dressed dolls as British soldiers and as mountaineers.

Fairgoers had high praise for the four garden clubs — Kings Mountain, Open Gate, Town and Country and Magnolia Garden clubs — for their floral arrangements depicting "The Four Ages of Man." The "childhood" arrangement was a spring arrangement for a child's Easter party with rabbits. The summer of "youth" arrangement was one appropriate for a June bridal luncheon. For "maturity", a fall arrangement carried out the patriotic theme of the Battle of Kings Mountain October 7, 1780.

The "winter" reflected retirement and was an arrangement featuring a white candle and birds. There were no prizes given. Overheard from an out-of-towner: "I'd have to give a prize to everybody if I were a judge."

General chairman of the festival, formerly called the floral fair, were Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Jay Powell and Mrs. W. D. Werner.

Theme of the show was "Progress Behind Us — Progress Before Us" and brief history of Kings Mountain was included in the gold covered fair booklets with an emblem of the Battle of Kings Mountain monument on cover.

It pointed out that 19 decades have passed since the men of this area shouldered their muskets, marched to the rallying point on Kings Mountain and defeated the foe in the battle declared by Theodore Roosevelt to be "the turning point of the Revolution."

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PRESENTED ARMY AWARD — Lt. Col. Robert G. Cox (USA-Ret.) left is congratulated by Lt. Col. George D. Cramm as he presents the meritorious service medal to Col. Cox for his service as an advisor to the Charlotte-based reserve unit. The medal is third highest award for non-combatant duty. Col. Cox is manager of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Board of Health To Superintend Plant Sterilizing

By MARTIN HARMON

The Buffalo Creek water project may be completed earlier than the initially contemplated New Year's Day.

After consultation with the engineers, the city has forwarded letters to all contractors suggesting December 1 as the date for final wrap-up of the project on which work began in March 1969.

Mayor John Henry Moss reported Wednesday:

1) Representatives of the State Board of Health will supervise sterilization of the treatment plant facilities Friday and sterilization of the 24-inch main line from the plant to the western city limits beginning Monday.

2) The main line is now being tested for leaks under pressures up to 175 pounds by the contractor, Ray D. Lowder Construction Company.

3) Dam construction is 10 feet from top.

4) Concrete is yet to be poured on only one lateral drain.

5) Temporary water pumps, now supplying the water going into the treatment plant, have been placed on pontoons in order to operate from existing water levels.

6) Spillway concrete is being poured.

7) Rip-rapping (on the lake side of the dam to prevent erosion from ripples and waves) will begin in two weeks.

8) Work on the dike at Dover Mills will begin Monday.

Citizens are being invited to make a "progress" visitation to the plant on Sunday afternoon, October 18.

Cindy Alexander To Conference

Cindy Alexander, Kings Mountain high school junior and daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Charles L. Alexander, represented Cleveland County at the Governor's Conference on Children and Youth at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh September 29th.

The conference is a preliminary to the White House Conference on Children December 13-18 in Washington, D. C.

Miss Alexander was among four students from Kings Mountain who took a tour of the Soviet Union during the summer months along with a group of North Carolinians led by Mr. and Mrs. William Young.

Miss Alexander said the conference featured forum discussion groups on individuality, learning, health, parents and families, communities, an environment, and laws, rights, and responsibilities problems of children and youth.

Dr. Raymond A. Stone, president of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, presided and the invocation was offered by Dr. Thomas A. Bland of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest. Special music was by the Samarkand Chorus of Eagle Springs.

Governor Scott addressed the group after which they divided into forum groups for discussion. Miss Alexander is active in First Baptist church which she serves as assistant organist and plays for church choirs.

Registration Books To Open Saturday For November Vote

Three Local Candidates Are On Ballot

Registration books for the general election November 3 will open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the 26 precincts in the county.

Polling places in Kings Mountain and No. 4 Township are Bethware precinct at Bethware school; Grover precinct at the Grover Rescue Squad, East Kings Mountain at City Hall and West Kings Mountain at the National Guard Armory.

The books will also be open October 17 and 24 with October 31 being Challenge Day. Books are open for inspection and challenge from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Voters will be electing a United States Congressman from the 10th District in a race between Incumbent James T. Broyhill, Republican, and former Congressman Basil L. Whitener, Democrat.

ABSENTEE VOTERS

Absentee voters should write the Cleveland County Board of Elections, Shelby, N. C., 28150, for ballots, Ralph Gilbert, chairman, said yesterday.

Other races will be between State Senator Marshall Rauch, of Gastonia, Democrat, and John H. McBrayer, of Shelby, Republican, for State Senate Seat No. 1 and J. Ollie Harris, of Kings Mountain, Democrat, and Jim Atkins, of Gastonia, Republican, for State Senate No. 2.

For the State House of Representatives Robert Z. Falls and Bob Jones are unopposed while W. K. Mauney, Jr., Democrat, incumbent, of Kings Mountain, faces A. Hobert Greene of Mooresboro, Republican.

The only other contested race is for county commissioner with two seats open. B. E. (Pop) Simmons and Phil Rucker, Democrats, will have opposition from Republican Bob Maner of Kings Mountain.

Unopposed candidates are Will Ham Friday for Superior Court (Continued On Page Eight)



EVANGELIST — Rev. Charles Easley, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, is conducting a preaching mission in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Easley To Lead Service Series

Rev. Charles Easley, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, is conducting a Preaching Mission at St. Luke's Lutheran church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 7-11.

At the Sunday morning worship hour this Sunday at the local church Dr. L. Boyd Hamm will fill the pulpit. Dr. Hamm served as pastor of the local congregation from 1935-40 and has served congregations in Burlington, N. C., Columbia, S. C. and Hagerstown, Md. Since 1966 he has served as assistant to the pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church in Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mauney and family, formerly of Kings Mountain, are members of the New Mexico church at which Rev. Mr. Easley is guest minister. Mr. Mauney is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Mauney of Kings Mountain.

Recreation Classes Begin Thursday Night

Take-off-pounds classes, dance lessons, guitar classes and flower arranging school are several activities now underway or being planned at the Kings Mountain Community Center.

Miss Kay Bridges is serving as instructor for a ladies' exercise class on Thursday nights and interested women can enroll by visiting the class tonight or calling at the office of Roy Pearson at the Center on Cleveland Avenue.

Also underway on Thursdays are Western Square Dance lessons with Woody Christopher in charge. "This is different from the old time square dancing and you will have to see a demonstration to appreciate it," says Mr. Pearson. Mr. Christopher will show a demonstration using students from other classes in Shelby at tonight's first session for beginning students.

Don McIntosh will teach a course in ballroom dancing if citizens are interested. Mr. Pearson is also accepting enrollment applications.

Guitar lessons for both children and adults will be made available if as many as 20 persons are interested. Dan Ramsey's Orchestra School will provide an instructor. Mr. Pearson's office is accepting enrollments for this class.

Flower arrangement classes will be held on Friday nights with Mr. Stroupe of Kings Mountain Florist as the instructor. This class requires a minimum of 15 (Continued On Page Eight)

Governor Scott's Speech Pleases Municipal Leaders, Moss Reports

Governor Bob Scott's address to the North Carolina League of Municipalities at its Winston-Salem convention elicited high praise from the city officials, Mayor John Henry Moss said on his return Wednesday.

The city officials were particularly pleased with the Governor's declaration of support for doubling to one-cent of the Powell Bill gas tax rebate to cities for street improvements and for legislative action to permit the state to share, as the federal government now does, in costs of sanitary disposal systems.

The Mayor said the city officials were also pleased with plans of the state for housing improvements through the corporation authorized by the 1969 legislature and which has just been declared constitutional by the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The Governor reminded city officials that North Carolina maintains 87,000 miles of roads—more than any other state in the union.

He also declared that North Carolina is a low tax state, with all state and local taxes averaging \$255 per person. Only five states, the Governor said, equal or are lower than North Carolina in per capita taxes.



FORTY SIX YEAR OLD PHOTOGRAPH — Pictured above are members of the Men's Bible Class of First Presbyterian church of 1924. Harold Plonk brought his copy to the Herald. Paul Mauney recalled that Dr. McElroy was the minister and that the late Arthur Hay, father of Miss Helen Hay, was the teacher. The children seated were not identified. Back row, standing, left to right, Walter Ormand, Hugh Neisler, Charles Stowe, John Davidson, Robert Jenkins, Ship Falls, John Mason, Dr. McElroy, C. E. Neisler, Sr., W. T. Jackson, Arthur Hay, B. F. Ormand, Lee Ramseur, Robert Barber, George Cansler, J. C. Mason, Charles Thomas, John Thomson, John Ramseur, Plato Goforth, Charles Mason and Harley McIntosh; Middle kneeling, from left, Bill Hord, Hugh Ware, Beverly Patterson, Otis Falls, Con Oates, Henry Summitt, Capt. B. Meek Ormand, Capt. Fields, Jim Allison, L. C. Parsons, Clarence Jolly, George Barber, Wade Short, Austin Lybrand, A. E. Nelson, Dan Rhyne, R. A. Scott, Joe Neisler, E. L. Campbell, Watt Gladden and James O'Farrell. Front row, seated, left to right, Hayne Blackmer, Paul Mauney, Grady King, Stewart McElroy, C. E. Neisler, Jr., Carl Davidson, Curtis Houser, Tom Roberts, Wash Layton, Con McGinnis, Hugh Stowe, Paul M. Neisler, Sr., Bob Goforth and Clarence Goforth.

Cox Is Honored By Army Award

Jaycees To Hold Benefit-Sale

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a house-to-house canvass Thursday night beginning at 7 p.m. for benefit of community projects.

According to announcement by Jaycee Kenny McAbee, chairman, Jaycees will offer for sale Civic Pride Cleaner to the interested public.

Kiwanis Sets Installation

Kiwanis Lt. Governor Marvin Folger of Morganton will install new officers of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the club's annual Ladies Night banquet Thursday (tonight) at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

President Donald Jones will preside.

Carl Flinger will be installed as new president and other officers will include Lou Sabetti, vice-president; Don Blanton, secretary; and John L. McGill, treasurer.

President Jones said largest single project of the civic club during the past year was the Schools Talent Show which netted \$1,993.38 for the club's community projects. He credited the success of the program to "outstanding job done by B. S. Peeler, Jr., as general chairman; Bud Neisler as program chairman; John L. McGill for the follow-up work and the various committees who functioned most efficiently.

Rotary Club To Hear Evans

Dr. H. C. Evans, Jr., president of Lees McRae college at Banner Elk, will be guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at 12:15 at the Country club.

Dr. Evans will be introduced by Thomas L. Trotter, local insurance agent, whose daughter, Libby, is a freshman student at Lees McRae this year. Mr. Trotter is program chairman.

Dr. Evans came to Lees McRae from Carson-Newman college in Jefferson City, Tennessee where he was chairman of the Department of Psychology and Education and Director of Teacher-Education for seven years. He is located in the public schools of Morristown, Tennessee, he graduated from Morristown high school, attended Carson-Newman (Continued On Page Eight)

Advisor Service By KM Retiree Is Commended

Lt. Col. Robert G. Cox (USA-R) has been awarded the army's meritorious service medal for his service as an advisor to the Charlotte-based reserve unit for the 11 months prior to his retirement June 30.

The award was presented by Lt. Col. George D. Cramm, commanding officer of the unit, at a luncheon at the country club Tuesday noon.

Col. Cramm said the award, authorized by Act of Congress in January 1969, is the third highest award of its kind.

Col. Cox, now secretary of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, served 22 years in the army, working with the transportation corps in a helicopter unit. He had tours of duty in Korea, Germany, and Vietnam, among others.

He is the son of Assistant Postmaster and Mrs. B. F. Cox.

The citation follows: "The President of the United States of America, authorized by Executive Order, 16 January 1969, has awarded the Meritorious Service Medal to Lieutenant Colonel Robert G. Cox, 245-32-2293 TC for outstanding meritorious service while assigned as Unit Advisor and Principal Assistant to the Area Advisor, U. S. Army Reserve and demoted, broad experience, and a vast knowledge of many aspects and intricate problems pertinent to Reserve (Continued on Page Eight)

Kings Mountain Native 25 Miles From Raging California Blazes

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Marston, Jr. and family are experiencing the results of the forest fires in California. Mrs. Marston wrote her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Moss this week. Mrs. Marston is the former George Anne Moss. The Marstons live at 5171 Long Branch Apartment 4, San Diego, California.

Mrs. Marston wrote: "The biggest news out here is of course the terrible fires. I have lived through all kinds of urban crises while in New York, but I have never seen anything like this.

"Over 180,000 acres have burned with over 250 homes destroyed and 50 other structures. They are now calling it the worst fire in modern history. All that lovely forest we drove through, called

the Cleveland National Forest, is gone. The fire got as close to San Diego as El Cajon and National City. That was only about 25 miles from my place. I have been very happy to be living by the sea. All the highways going east were closed for several days. Interstate 8 which we drove in on was closed.

"A few small communities were totally wiped out, like Jamul, which is southeast of me. Because of the gusting winds and the fact that the fire spread so fast, they are calling it a fire storm. There have been about 2500 men fighting the fire. Many are volunteers. Sunday night they announced over the television that there was no need for more volunteers. Fire fighter (Continued on Page Eight)