

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 1968, and includes the 14,800 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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Sweetree Mills Reveals Plans For Kings Mtn. Plant

Will Employ 200 Women To Sew Sportswear; Building Slated

Safety Ratings Rank Kings Min. In 19th Place

Mount Airy has been declared the safest city in North Carolina for motorists and pedestrians in the 5,000 to 10,000 population group last year, according to the U. S. State Motor Vehicle Safety ratings for 1969.

At the same time, other ratings were listed with Kings Mountain being ranked 19th.

The state's 25 cities and towns in this category include 11 with no traffic deaths, but top place went to Mount Airy since it had the largest motor-vehicle registration of 16,008. The rankings are based on the registration death rate, which is the number of traffic deaths per 10,000 registration.

Kings Mountain had one traffic death with a motor vehicle registration of 8,400 for a registration death rate of 1.2.

Other cities in the same category with no fatalities were Clinton, Washington, Waynesville, Roxboro, Canton, Oxford, Laurinburg, Smithfield, Williamston and Morehead City.

Bringing up the bottom of the rankings was Newton, with a registration death rate of 6.4 computed on six traffic deaths and a registration of 9,348. Newton also had the highest population death rate of 90.1 based on the number of fatalities per 100,000 population.

Transco Noting Revenue Increase

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation has filed with the Federal Power Commission sales and transportation rates which would increase revenues approximately \$10.7 million annually. The increase is requested to become effective January 1, 1971, without suspension.

The increase would be about 2.5 percent of annual revenues based on the test year ending March 31, 1970.

President James B. Henderson pointed out that the higher rates are necessary to offset increased costs and to maintain an earnings level adequate to support financing of the company's continued growth.

The proposed rate of return produces a return on common equity which, in Transco's judgment, represents a conservative return for a company with Transco's capitalization and other characteristics, he said.

The application requests permission for Transco to adjust its rates to track (parallel) any major supplier rate increases during the ensuing year.

Mr. Sweet, Inc., division of Sweetree Mills, Inc. of Cherryville, is a new Kings Mountain industry, it was jointly announced yesterday by L. E. (Josh) Hinnant and J. Cliffe Harris, co-chairmen of the mayor's industrial committee.

Victor Osborne of Gastonia, president of the parent company, said the firm is building a new addition of 15,000 square feet to its present building, formerly Darwin Mills on Carrol Lane and Waco road, to house 200 sewing machines and to employ between 200 and 225 women to sew ladies' sportswear, including pantsuits.

The cutting and sewing operation is expected to be in operation between 60 and 90 days as soon as the addition is completed. The firm will employ principally women who will work on the first shift, Mr. Osborne said. The garments will be cut, sewn and shipped to retail firms. Shipping won't be done here until a future expansion which will bring the plant's floor space capacity to 40,000 square feet, said Mr. Osborne, and will probably be completed within a year and a half. The first addition is expected to be completed by February 1.

Henry Lewkowicz of Spartanburg, S. C. is manager of the new firm and is presently commuting from Spartanburg.

Mr. Osborne described the new plant as a full, vertical mill which will cut, sew and eventually ship women's sportswear to retailers.

He said local people will be employed. Co-chairmen Harris and Hinnant said another announcement is forthcoming soon of another diversified industry expected to begin operation here. They confirmed a metals product company is contemplating moving into the city.

Lake To Be Stocked With Fish; Moss

Best location for fish houses for hatching and protection of fish on the city's lake on Buffalo Creek will be surveyed soon by Dr. Fish and Harry Connell of the state directory of fisheries, they told Mayor John Henry Moss during a conference with the state Wildlife Commission in Raleigh recently.

The wildlife commission's report to the mayor was: "We'll be happy to stock the lake with fish."

The mayor was in Raleigh last week attending a conference with state officials of the water and safety commissions.

New Golf Course Ready In Spring

A new nine-hole golf course has been completed at Kings Mountain Country Club and will be ready for golfers in early spring. Joe Costner is the golf pro and club member at the local club.



NEW INDUSTRY FOR KINGS MOUNTAIN — Sweetree Mills announced yesterday plans to build a new plant to employ 200-225 women to sew women's sportswear on Waco road. From left to right, Mayor John Henry Moss, L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, Sweetree President Victor Osborne of Gastonia and newly-elected Senator J. Ollie Harris. Mr. Harris and Mr. Hinnant are co-chairmen of the mayor's industrial committee. (Photo for the Herald by Lem Lynch)

Geeper Howard Is Morehead Scholar

Will Advance In Competition

Grady Keever (Geeper) Howard, Jr., 18-year-old Kings Mountain senior, was one of three seniors from the county nominated for University of North Carolina Morehead Scholarship Awards this week, it has been announced by L. Lyndon Hobbs, chairman of the Cleveland County Morehead Selection committee.

Howard, with Michael Harold Elliott and Michael Henry Griffin of Shelby High were the nominees selected Tuesday night following interviews with 12 students from the county's four high schools. George Melvin Coats, 17, senior at Burns High School, was named alternate.

The three youths will go to Morganton soon after the first of the year where they will compete with other students from District Nine. If they should be selected on the district level, they will continue further competition before the Central Committee in Chapel Hill. Each scholarship awarded is worth \$2,250 a year, or \$9,000 for four years of undergraduate study.

There are presently 291 undergraduate scholars and 32 graduate and professional Fellows enrolled at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill for the 1970-71 year.

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Three Attending State Meeting On Special Ed

Three representatives of the Kings Mountain School unit will participate in the 22nd Annual Conference on Exceptional Children being held in Winston-Salem today through Saturday (November 12-14) carrying out the theme, "The Exceptional Child Within the Total School."

They are: Howard Bryant, director of instruction; Mrs. Peggy McDowell, special ed. teacher at North School; and Mrs. Jackie Shell, special ed. teacher at Central.

More than 1,500 teachers, supervisors, and administrators from all 152 administrative units of the public schools of the State will attend the three-day session, according to George Kahdy, Director, Division of Exceptional Children and Coordinator for the convention which is sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Subjects to be discussed at the section meetings include: Educable Mentally Retarded; Gifted and Talented; Hospitalized, Homebound and Crippled; Speech and Hearing; and Trainable Mentally Retarded.

Speakers will include: The Honorable Terry Sanford, President of Duke University; Dr. A. Craig Phillips, N. C. State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. Jerome Melton, Assistant Superintendent for Program Services, N. C. State Department of Public Instruction; Dr. Anne Adams, Department of Special Education, University of Texas; Dr. James Gallagher, Director of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, Chapel Hill; Dr. Winifred Northcott, Director of Early Education Program for the Hearing Impaired, Minnesota Department of Education; Professor Judith Rothchild, Director of Urban Leadership Development Program, New York University; and Dr. Albert Sullivan, Department of Education, University of Minnesota.



GEEPER HOWARD

Susan Smith Is Teenage Winner

Susan Smith is the new Miss Teenage Charlotte.

A brown-eyed 11th grader won the title over 14 finalists before a crowd of 2,000 at Ovens Auditorium Saturday night.

How does she feel as the new winner? "Fantastic — a real thrill."

She will represent Charlotte November 28 — December 5 in the Miss Teenage America Pageant in Fort Worth, Texas, and try for the national crown with its \$10,000 college scholarship and other major prizes.

As Miss Teenage Charlotte winner, Miss Smith receives a trip to Fort Worth, an AM-FM radio, a wrist watch, and other prizes.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Smith and a junior at South Mecklenburg.

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Mayor To Turn Switch On Water Project Friday

Kings Mountain citizens will be using water from Buffalo Creek beginning at 9 a.m. Friday morning.

Officials of the city and state, the city engineering firm, W. K. Dickson & Company of Charlotte, and contractors for the Kings Mountain Project on Buffalo Creek will be present for special ceremonies at the site.

Mayor John Henry Moss will officially pull the switch which will bring the water to Kings Mountain customers.

Last week George Moss, veteran treatment plant manager, reported that the water flowing through the new Buffalo Creek treatment plant has better clarity and is purer than the water being treated at the Deal Street plant. He had said last week that "when the lake fills, the water will be even more clear."

Several area towns, including Bessemer City, have requested water from Kings Mountain and the mayor said he had met with town officials this week, along with members of the water study committee from the city council. He said he had avised Bessemer City Mayor Sarvis that cost of water to Bessemer City customers would be slightly more than now paid by citizens of Kings Mountain. He said water policy should be established by mid-January following feasibility studies.

The new treatment plant at Buffalo Creek has a rated capacity of four million gallons of potable water daily. Total cost will approximate \$3,500,000, officials estimate. Financing was done by a \$3,000,000 bond issue and a \$450,000 federal grant.

Bond amortization has already begun. Water customers are paying the cost through a 90 percent surcharge on their water bills.



MEMORIAL SERVICES ON VETERAN'S DAY — Wednesday was Veteran's Day and ceremonies were held in Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery. Mayor John Moss, left, members of American Legion Post 155 and Auxiliary, and officers of Frank B. Glass Post 9811 give a salute as taps are played to conclude the program and following placing of a memorial wreath by the mayor. (Lem Lynch Photo)

Memorial Rites For War Dead Wednesday At Cemetery

Roseboro Dies Monday

James Roseboro, 57, of 315 N. Tracy St., died Monday morning in Kings Mountain hospital. He had been in declining health one year.

He was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church and had been employed at Mauney Textile Mill for 25 years.

Survivors include the widow, Bernice Ross Roseboro; one son, James Edward Roseboro of Boston, Mass.; one brother, Bill Roseboro of Orange, N. J.; and one sister, Mrs. Louise Berry of Shelby.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by J. W. Gill and Son's Funeral Home.

Mayor Moss Makes Address

Kings Mountain citizens Wednesday morning held a memorial service to War Dead at a Veteran's Day service at 11 o'clock in Memorial Park of Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mayor John Henry Moss made the principal address and completed the service by placing of a memorial wreath followed by the playing of "Taps" by Steve Lynn.

Members of American Legion Post 155 and Auxiliary and Frank B. Glass Post 9811 VFW participated in the program. Legionnaire James Amos led the opening prayer and Mrs. Bennett Masters led group singing of "America."

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Sgt. Donald Long Receives Medal

ROME, N. Y. Technical Sergeant Donald G. Long, son of Clearance B. Long, Rt. 2, Bessemer City, has received the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service in Thailand.

Sergeant Long distinguished himself as a protective equipment supervisor with the 354th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base.

He was presented the medal at Griffice AFB, N. Y., where he is now assigned to a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command.

The sergeant is a 1952 graduate of Bessemer City High School. His wife is the former Nellie Gilliam.

Final Performances This Weekend For Little Theatre's Hit Comedy

Mrs. Raymond Holmes as "Corie" and Gene Austin as "Paul" portray the title roles in the Little Theatre's production of "Barefoot In The Park," which plays again Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. at the Woman's club.

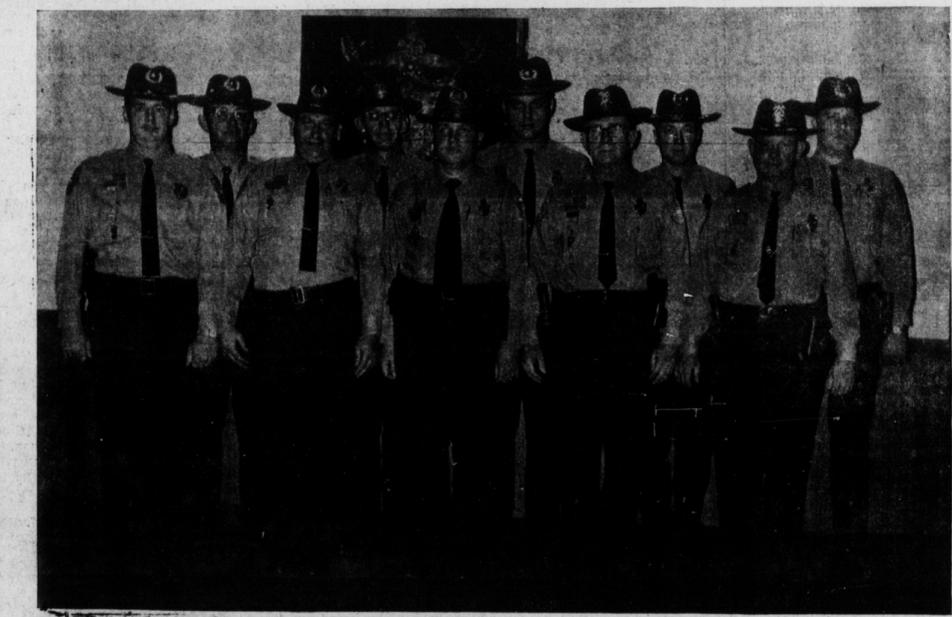
A situation comedy, the play is the second written by Neil Simon and enjoyed a long run on Broadway. It is also a popular feature on television this season.

A good crowd attended the first two performances last weekend. Mrs. Jo Ann Walker

McDaniel is directing the play and Ray Holmes is stage manager.

Other major roles are being portrayed by Mrs. Nan Jean Grant as Corie's mother; Rob Wiesener as Victor Vesasco; Gary Watson as the telephone repairman and Dr. R. N. Baker as the deliveryman.

Nancy Wiesener is prompter, Cathy Cox is in charge of sound and lighting, Mrs. Robert Cox is in charge of properties and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney is house chairman.



KINGS MOUNTAIN'S RESERVE POLICE FORCE — Pictured above are members of the Kings Mountain Reserve Police Force, now celebrating the first anniversary of its organization. The men were honored by city policemen and city commissioners at an "Appreciation Banquet" last week and presented certificates of merit. From left to right: Jimmy Jenkins, William Young, Lewis Cole, Willie Williams, Philip Witherspoon, O'Brien Brooks, A. K. Walker, Dr. Frank Sincoc, George Hilton and Don Roper.



MRS. RAYMOND HOLMES



GENE AUSTIN