

Kings Mountain Citizens Are Now Using Water From Buffalo Project

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits (1966 Census) 8,256
City Limits U. S. Estimate 1970 8,476

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States 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 Township in Gaston County.

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Eighty-Fifth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Mayor Moss Throws Switch At Water Plant

Mayor John Henry Moss formally turned on the water switch at the Kings Mountain Water Project on Buffalo Creek Friday morning at 9 a.m.

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The ceremonies were attended by city officials, engineers, contractors and interested citizens.

Kings Mountain water customers are now using water from the new treatment plant which has a rated capacity of four million gallons of potable water daily.

In leading the ceremony the mayor said:

"Today, Friday, November 13, 1970, we have gathered for this most important event 'turning on the water for the citizens'."

"It is indeed a great honor and privilege to preside at this history making ceremony. 'A project born of necessity'."

"It was December 13, 1966, when the official proposal and plans for the Kings Mountain water project was adopted by the City Commissioners exactly three years and eleven months ago."

"However, prior to this date almost a year had been spent in studying, planning and consulting with twenty-nine different agencies, federal, state, county, consulting firms, finance advisers and the Corp of Army Engineers to determine the feasibility of the project."

"The obligation of responsibility and challenge to eliminate Kings Mountain's water crisis had occurred on four occasions, 1923, 1927, 1954 and 1965 was recognized and a total commitment to resolve this 'problem of need' was started upon a adoption by the City Commissioners."

"The project was then submitted to the citizens for their approval in the form of a bond vote which they magnificently envisioned the significance of water for the present need and importance to the future of Kings Mountain, and they overwhelmingly responded with a unified 'Yes' vote for progress."

"I firmly believe the water project is the single most important event for Kings Mountain in this century."

"It offers broad opportunities for economic, social, and cultural betterment for the present and future citizens of this area."

"Friends, this is truly a big day for the citizens of Kings Mountain. The Board of Commissioners and I applaud them and express our heartfelt appreciation for their unbreakable courage, confidence, and support in the fulfillment of a task, yes it is a dream come true."

"This day we dedicate this water project to the service of mankind."

"On behalf of all citizens that envision broader horizons I now pull the switch to start the pumps. I will send pure water to present and future generations providing opportunities for progress and a quality life for all citizens."

Rotary Club Flea Market Is Saturday

Kings Mountain Rotarians will sponsor the annual White Elephant or "Flea Market" sale Saturday from 4 until 10 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

Pete Connet is chairman and auctioneers will include Jack H. White and Mayor John Henry Moss.

All proceeds will benefit the civic clubs charity projects and will provide scholarships.

According to Chairman Connet a "flea market" type of sale will begin at 4 and continue until 7 p.m. when the auctioning will begin.

Baptists Set Breakfast, Service

Members of the Kings Mountain Baptist church Brotherhood will serve a Thanksgiving Day breakfast next Thursday from 7 until 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

Rev. James Wilder, minister of the church, will deliver the Thanksgiving sermon at 9 a.m. in the church sanctuary.



PROMOTED — Bill Bates, former high school athletics director and a member of the faculty 13 years, has been promoted to the position of director of school-community relations in the eight plants of the district system.

Annual Coin Show Saturday, Sunday May Draw 3500

Kings Mountain will play host Saturday and Sunday to the seventh annual show of the Gaston Coin Club.

The two-day event is expected to attract a minimum of 3500 persons to the neighborhood facilities building when the show is held.

Joint announcement was made Wednesday by Harry Davis, president of the coin club, and Mayor John Henry Moss.

The Gaston club has 400 members, including Kings Mountain citizens, and others from Cleveland, Lincoln and Mecklenburg counties, as well as Gaston.

James T. Pheagin, former Kings Mountain citizen, said former shows have been held at the Gastonia Armory, but that the Kings Mountain neighborhood facilities building is larger and will enable as many as 60 coin dealers to show their wares. Capacity of the Gastonia Armory was 35 dealers.

Prior shows have attracted visitors from ten states.

Mr. Pheagin continued: Over ONE MILLION dollars worth of coins and currency will be on exhibit. Competitive exhibits will include United States Gold and Silver coins, Foreign coins and currency, Confederate and Southern States paper money, Continental Currency, and specialized exhibits.

Non-competitive exhibits will feature two of the outstanding collections in the country. G. G. "Tom" Sawyer is bringing his fabulous collection of paper money, including the \$10,000 bill, and from Lexington, "Bill" Floyd will show his prize winning coins.

No admission will be charged and door prizes will be given.

The show will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 22.

President Davis said his organization hopes to charter a bus or buses to provide trips for visitors to Kings Mountain National Military Park.

KMHS Princess, Miss Burris, 17 Will Ride In Carousel Parade

Miss Priscilla Ann Burris has been named the Carousel Princess from Kings Mountain high school. She is 17 years old and is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Meeks Burris and the late Mr. Burris.

Her talent is creative writing and she also enjoys reading and designing her own clothes.

She stands 5'7 1/2" tall and has black hair and brown eyes. Her other activities include editor of the school paper "Mountaineer", FHA parliamentary, and Homecoming Attendant.

She will appear at the 2nd Annual Carrousel Band Showcase at 7:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25th, at the Charlotte Coliseum and she will also ride in the 24th Annual Carrousel Parade on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, at 3:00 p.m. Both of these events are free and open to the public.

A crowd of 300,000 is expected for the annual parade.

Baptists Give Deed For CBD Project

Bates Stepping Down As Coach

Mrs. J. R. Davis' Rites Conducted

Lawyer's Wife Dies Sunday At Age 81

Funeral rites for Mrs. Roberta Miller Davis, 81, wife of veteran Kings Mountain attorney J. Roan Davis, were held Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Central United Methodist church of which she was a member.

Rev. D. B. Alderman, minister of the church, was assisted by a former minister, Rev. J. G. Winkler, in officiating in the final rites. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Active pallbearers were Gene Timms, Odell Norwood, Fred Wright, Wilson Griffin and John Plonk. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Administrative Board of the church, the Davis Sunday School class and representatives of the Cleveland and Gaston County Bar Associations.

Mrs. Davis died Sunday morning at 5:40 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after several months' illness. She was a native of Franklin County, Ga., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Carlisle Miller. She married J. Roan Davis December 26, 1919. Mr. Davis, former city attorney and a Kings Mountain lawyer for many years, also served in the North Carolina legislature.

Mrs. Davis was a member of Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Thursday Afternoon Book club and the Kings Mountain Woman's club.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are their son, William L. Davis of Atlanta, Ga.; their daughter, Mrs. Ben T. Jackson of Weston, Massachusetts; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild and her brother, Kater Miller of Lovania, Ga.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, at the Central United Methodist church.

Rev. James Stuart, pastor of Gastonia's First Presbyterian church, will deliver the sermon at the community's traditional Thanksgiving service Wednesday night at 7:30 in Central school auditorium.

The service is sponsored by Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and the interested public is invited to attend, said Rev. Edwin Chriscoe, president of the association. Various ministers in the community will participate in the service.

A 40-member Combined Choir from the various churches will sing Thanksgiving anthems under the direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure.

Rev. Stuart came to the Gastonia church in December 1968 from Sardis Presbyterian church in Charlotte where he served six years. Born in Madison, Wisconsin, he spent his early years in Georgia and Mississippi. He graduated from the University of Mississippi and spent several years thereafter working in a public accounting firm. He received his BD degree from Columbia Seminary in 1952. During World War II he served as a navigator on a bomber with the U. S. 13th Air Force stationed in Italy.

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He's Promoted By School System; Other Changes Are Announced

Bill G. Bates, 38, director of athletics and assistant principal at Kings Mountain high school, was promoted to the position of director of school-community relations Wednesday.

According to announcement by Schools Supt. Donald D. Jones, Mr. Bates will serve all eight plants in the Kings Mountain system in the area of human relations, public relations, inter-racial relations, school-home coordination and attendance. He will continue as supervisor of bussing and his office will be located in the Administrative Offices.

Mr. Bates came to Kings Mountain 13 years ago as an eighth grade teacher and assistant coach to the late John Gamble. He became head coach at the high school in 1962 and taught math and physical education. He subsequently became assistant principal at the high school when Donald Parker became director of the school federal programs.

Three other positions have been created, all funded by a federal grant, including one other promotion.

William F. Young, formerly a teacher of internal combustion engines at the high school, has been named assistant KMHS principal succeeding Mr. Bates. Mr. Young, of Bessemer City, came to Kings Mountain two years ago from McAdenville where he was a principal and teacher.

In a new position created at the high school, Mrs. Cozelle Vance, teacher of social studies since 1963, has been named Dean of Girls. Mrs. Vance resides in Charlotte.

At Central Junior high school, Mrs. Richard Hamrick, formerly a teacher-aide, has been named a school-home coordinator to work under the direction of Mr. Bates and Central Principal Fred Withers in the area of attendance.

Supt. Jones said the board of education is receiving applications for the position of director of athletics and head football coach.

In commenting on Mr. Bates' promotion, Supt. Jones said: "Even though I hate to see Mr. Bates leave his positions at Kings Mountain high school, my philosophy is to look at the current staff members and consider them any time there is a job which will involve a promotion. Mr. Bates' record as a coach has been outstanding and the Christian example and influence he had on the boys creates a vacancy that will be hard to fill."

The Kings Mountain Mountaineers this season in football compiled a record of seven wins and three losses. Mr. Bates also coached track and assisted in basketball.

Mr. Bates is a native of Cowpens, S. C., is married and the father of two daughters. Mrs. Bates is a former high school English teacher. They are active in First Baptist church.

A 1955 graduate of Wofford college, Bates coached and was an assistant in the physical education department at Gardner Webb college before entering the service and subsequently coming to Kings Mountain.

Floral Arranging Classes To Start

Classes in floral arrangement will get underway Friday night, November 27th, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center on Cleveland Avenue.

The classes will continue for six weeks and will be held each Friday evening from 7 until 9 p.m.

Instructor for the classes will be Mr. Stroupe, owner of Kings Mountain Florist. A fee of \$3 for supplies will be charged.

Lutherans Set Nov. 26 Service

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will hold a Thanksgiving Day service at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th.

Rev. Charles Easley, minister, will use the sermon topic, "Then Came Elim".

ESC Office Here In New Schedule

The Employment Security Commission will have offices in Kings Mountain three days each week beginning Monday, November 30th, according to joint announcement by Kings Mountain Mayor John H. Moss and Cleveland County ESC Manager Franklin L. Ware.

At present the ESC office has been open here for only one day — on Thursday — at the National Guard Armory.

The new schedule will enable the office to offer placement service to employers and prospective employees and also claims service. The office will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Community Center on Cleveland Avenue.

Mrs. Marion Dixon will be in charge of placement and James Crowder will handle claims service, according to Manager Ware.

Job-seekers are invited to note the change in the service from one to three days and to avail themselves of the service, said Mr. Ware. Mr. Ware said the service is extended to provide better service for both industry and employees. He said the office anticipates that Mondays and Tuesdays will be utilized for placement service to assist employees and employers in job locations and that Thursdays will be devoted mainly to claims activities.

"We are most delighted to make this announcement that the employment security office is returning to Kings Mountain for a long-term basis and to be located at the Community Center," said both the mayor and Mr. Ware.

Mrs. McKee Correspondent

Mrs. Howard McKee will begin duties as Bethware Correspondent for the Herald Monday.

Mrs. McKee is the former Marguerite Thibault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Tindall of Kings Mountain.

Former Bethware Correspondent was Mrs. Sam Lovelace, who has resigned.

Citizens are invited to call Mrs. McKee (739-2374) to report news of activities for publication in the Herald.

Two Permits Are Issued

Two building permits were issued this week by G. C. Yelton, superintendent of public works for the city.

Robert McDowell of 601 Mitchell street was issued a permit to build a residence at an estimated cost of \$7,000. W. W. Laughter was listed as contractor.

Jerry G. Gantt of 201 Linwood Drive was issued a permit to build a one-story duplex at an estimated cost of \$12,000 with Colonial Home Builders listed as contractor.

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Citizens are asked to call the mayor's office, 739-2563, and give the addresses to the mayor's secretary.

UNCC Taps Mayor Moss

Mayor John Henry Moss has been appointed a member of the Advisory Committee for Urban Studies and Community Service Programs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Mr. Laney reported that laney negotiation is proceeding according to schedule. Twelve owners have been contacted and four have already signed options. These properties will be acquired as soon as title work is completed. Two more are expected to sign options in the near future and the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission is continuing negotiation with the remaining owners, he said.

The appointment was announced by Chancellor D. W. Colvard. The mayor's term will expire September 30, 1972.

Purpose of the committee will be to advise and appraise the development, implementation, and coordination of program efforts not only for the Institute for Urban Studies and Community Service but for other urban-community oriented problems of the University whether these programs be instructional, service or research related.

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Redevelopment Commission Acquires Former Fellowship Hall

The First Baptist church today became the first property owner to convey a deed to the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission in the downtown Urban Renewal area.

J. Lee Roberts, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the church, congratulated the Redevelopment Commission on behalf of the Board of Trustees and wished them continued success in their effort to improve downtown.

Rev. Robert Mann expressed his delight that a First Baptist church property became the first to be purchased for redevelopment of the Central Business District and illustrates the congregation's concern for progress and continued growth of our city.

Mayor John Henry Moss said "This represents a significant step towards realization of my goal of quality living for all the citizens of Kings Mountain."

Redevelopment Commission Director Joe Laney, who delivered a check for the former church Fellowship Building, reported that the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission deeply appreciates the cooperation and progressive attitude displayed by the First Baptist church through-out negotiation for the property.

Moreover, the leadership and the congregation of the First Baptist church are to be commended for their civic minded spirit, foresightfulness, and genuine concern for the future growth of Kings Mountain.

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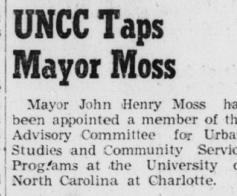
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PRINCESS — Priscilla Ann Burris has been named Carrousel Princess at Kings Mountain high school and will represent the city in the annual Thanksgiving Day Carrousel Parade in Charlotte.



APPOINTED — Mayor John Henry Moss has been appointed to a two-year term on the Advisory Committee for Urban Studies and Community Service Programs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.



FIRST PROPERTY PURCHASED — Three members of the First Baptist church board of trustees, their pastor and two city officials are pictured as First Baptist church conveys to the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission deed for their property, the former church fellowship hall building, and the first property to be purchased for redevelopment of the Central Business District. From left to right: Commission Director Joe Laney, church trustee chairman J. Lee Roberts, church trustee Herman Sparks, church trustee Mrs. Charles Alexander, First Baptist Pastor, Rev. Robert Mann, and Mayor John Henry Moss.