

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8465

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 Mountain Township in Gaston County.

Kings Mountain Herald

Kings Mountain's Reliable Newspaper

16 Pages Today

VOL. 86, No. 4

Established 1889

Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, January 28, 1971

Eighty-Sixth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Board Votes To Enter Governor's Award Program

Gail Haley Wins Coldecott Annual Award

Mrs. Gail Einnart Haley, of Kings Mountain, daughter of a Kings Mountain citizen, has received the Coldecott Award given by the American Library Association's Children Service for the best picture book for children published in 1970.

The presentation was made in San Francisco, California recently.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Einhart of Charlotte, Mrs. Haley's prize winning book is her 27th.

"A Story A Story," an African tale was also illustrated by Mrs. Haley and was published by Atheneum of New York. Mrs. Haley's husband, also a writer, is a member of the staff of the magazine, "Jewish Times Outlook."

Mrs. Haley, 31, is the great-niece of Fred Thornburg of Kings Mountain and granddaughter of Monroe and Ethel Thornburg Bell formerly of Kings Mountain. Mrs. Haley's mother is the former Miss Louise Bell of Kings Mountain, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thornburg.

Dickey Appreciates Citizens' Patience

Sewage line installation work in the Fulton Road-Margrave Mill area is expected to be complete in three to four weeks.

City Commissioner Jim Dickey made the statement in a letter to Mayor John Henry Moss at Tuesday night's commission meeting. Mr. Dickey added he, as Ward 6 commissioner, personally appreciated the considerable "patience" of residents of the area during the recent sequence of bad weather.

Lake Montonia Stockholders Are Meeting

Election of officers and three new directors will highlight the meeting of stockholders of Lake Montonia Club Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. at the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, 60 West Franklin street, Gastonia.

Stockholders will elect two new directors, one representing Gaston county and one representing Cleveland county, and fill another vacancy created by the death of Everett Pruden. Directors, with terms expiring, are Pat Tignor of Kings Mountain and Jim Wilson of Gastonia. Other directors are Bob Crockett of Gastonia and George Thomasson of Kings Mountain. Officers are Neill Carson, Jr. of Gastonia, president; Bob Beason of Bowling Springs, vice-president; and Don Crawford of Kings Mountain, secretary-treasurer. Past President Bob Suter of Kings Mountain serves ex officio as a member of the board. The stockholders will fill the directorships followed by the election of officers.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Carl F. Mauney who underwent surgery at Charlotte Memorial hospital last week is recuperating at home.

Mrs. Emily A. Herndon To Retire After 22 Years at Home S & L

Mrs. Emily Ashe Herndon is retiring as treasurer of Home Savings & Loan Association on March 31, it was announced to shareholders at the annual meeting Tuesday by Thomas A. Tate, executive vice-president.

Mrs. Herndon will have completed slightly more than 22 years of service with the Kings Mountain association, which she joined in February 1949 as a part-time employee. Mrs. Herndon's addition made it a three-person staff to A. H. Patterson, secretary, and his wife, Mr. Patterson's assistant.

Mrs. Herndon recalls that assets of the association at the time approximated \$800,000. At December 31, 1970, assets totaled \$3,323,260.

There were other changes during the years in physical plant. First the association remodeled the building at Mountain and Cherokee occupied by Morrison

Joe A. Neisler, Jr. Files For School Board Position

His Candidacy First For May Biennial Voting

Joe A. Neisler, Jr. became the first candidate for the board of education as he filed with the city clerk Monday.

Mr. Neisler seeks the seat in the inside-city district being vacated by Mrs. Lena W. McGill, who announced last week she will not seek re-election. The term of office is six years.

Also to be filled on the board of education is a seat in the outside-city district, Term of P. A. (Tippy) Francis of Grover, elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Holm's Harry of Grover, is expiring. Mr. Neisler's filing is the lone formal political activity of the season. No other candidates have filed and the rumor mill produced little grist.

All other members of the John Henry Moss Administration are expected to seek re-election, including the mayor, and Commissioner Ray Cline, Ward 1; W. S. Biddix, Ward 2; T. J. Ellison, Ward 3; Norman King, Ward 4; Mrs. Maude Walker, Ward 5; and Jim Dickey, Ward 6. Mr. Francis is also expected to seek re-election to the outside city district seat on the board of education where three members are elected, school district-wise from the bounds of the city of Kings Mountain and two members are elected from school districts outside the city boundaries. Only two seats are to be filled.

Mr. Neisler, son of Joe A. Neisler, Sr., of Lake Waccamaw and Mrs. John Caveny of Kings Mountain, is a Kings Mountain native. He is secretary-treasurer of Chesterfield Yarn Mills, Inc., of Pageland, S. C., and associated with Kent Mills of Taylorsville and Lucky Strike Mills of Double Shoals. He is past president of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and active in First Presbyterian church. His wife is the former Marlene Hedrick of Lenoir and they are parents of four children: St. Na Lee Neisler, age 16; Jo A. Neisler, III, age 14; Melissa Neisler, age 10; and Theresa Neisler, age four. The family resides on Phifer road.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

W. H. Shinn, of Mogul Corporation of Charlotte, will be guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club. The program will feature a film on "Water Pollution."

ROTARY CLUB

A program on "Minting of Coins" will feature Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at 12:15 at the Country club.



PRESIDENT — J. Wilson Crawford has been re-elected president of the Kings Mountain Business Development Corporation.

Industry-Seeking Firm Re-elects

Officers and directors of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., were re-elected Tuesday at the annual meeting of stockholders.

They are: J. Wilson Crawford, president; Fred W. Plonk, vice-president; and Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer.

Directors include the officers and Clee E. Bridges, John Warlick and Bob Maner. The treasurer's report showed assets of the firm, capitalized at \$22,180 in 1958, have increased to \$43,889.99. Surplus over the initial stock investment totals \$13,079.99. Assets include \$5,921.60 in investments at Kings Mountain and Home Savings & Loan Association and a note receivable of \$39,941.08.

The corporation was formed to assist new industry in locating in the Kings Mountain area.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Orangel B. Jolly entered Kings Mountain hospital Monday for treatment and observation. She is improving and is a patient in Room 225.

1970 Big Year For Home S & L; Assets Up 11%

Home Savings & Loan Association posted another excellent operations record during 1970, Thomas A. Tate, executive vice-president and secretary, told shareholders at Tuesday's annual meeting, with year-end assets at a record high of \$13,323,260, up 11.43 percent.

The shareholders re-elected all directors, who, in turn, re-elected all officers.

Officers are J. H. Thomson, president; A. H. Patterson and B. D. Ratterree, vice-presidents; Mr. Tate, executive vice-president and secretary; Emily A. Herndon treasurer; Nancy S. Seism, assistant secretary and treasurer; and Jacob A. Dixon, Bessemer City branch manager.

Directors are A. H. Patterson, I. G. Patterson, Jack H. White, J. H. Thomson, Dr. Paul E. Hendricks, Thomas A. Tate, B. D. Ratterree, Charles Blanton and R. S. Plonk of Bessemer City.

Other highlights of Mr. Tate's report: 1) Savings up \$1,348,610 to \$11,967,931, up 11.27 percent. 2) Loans up \$1,281,913 to \$11,662,410, up 11.02 percent. 3) A transfer to reserves of \$98,645. 4) Dividends paid to shareholders of \$563,203. 5) A total of 274 loans made totaling \$2,381,505.

Tax Payments Jump; Penalty Day Monday

The late January rush to pay 1970 tax bills and avoid late-payment penalties put \$21,230 into city coffers during the past week.

The payments brought to \$151,232 amount collected against the total levy of \$313,997. As of Wednesday, the 1970 levy was 48.1 percent paid.

Of the total levy, the current year city budget anticipates 90 percent payment during the fiscal year. Penalty of one percent applies Tuesday, February 2.

City Sets Higher Prices For Water, Sewer Taps

The city board of commissioners Tuesday increased water and sewer tap fees and made slight changes in electrical fees and city policies.

The city had not adjusted fees in ten years, Mayor John Henry Moss confirmed with Grady Yelton, public works superintendent, and Earl Turbyfill, electrical superintendent. Meantime, the superintendents said costs, for meters, materials, and labor have increased heavily.

The new schedule:

ELECTRICAL

Inside city transfer fee \$2 (no former fee). Temporary service, formerly \$2, now \$5. Wiring permit, former maximum \$5, now \$10. The city will determine where a meter is set on a new service. The contractor will install the riser, meter sockets and all masts. (The city will continue to furnish the meter sockets.) All risers will be two-inch wire, or larger.

WATER

Water Meter	New	Former	Outside City	Former
Tap Fees				
3/4 inch	\$100	\$ 60	\$125	\$ 85
1 inch	\$150	\$110	\$175	\$135
1 1/2 inch	\$225	\$180	\$250	\$205
2 inch	\$300	\$260	\$325	\$285

Water meter tap fees from three to eight-inch will be charged on a time and material basis, rather than a set schedule of fees.

SEWER TAPS

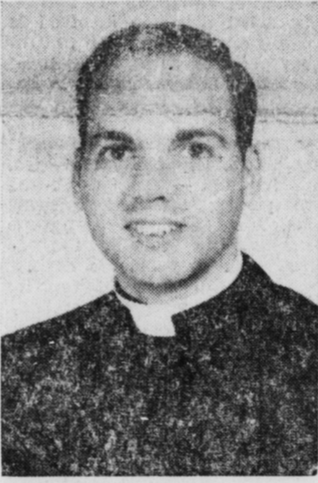
4 inch	\$ 50	\$ 35	\$ 75	\$ 60
6 inch	\$ 75	\$ 60	\$100	\$ 80
8 inch	\$100	\$ 80	\$125	\$100

Machine Rental Charges (No Change)

Bush Hog for Mowing	\$ 7.00 per hour
All Trucks	\$ 6.00 per hour
Allis Chalmers Tractor	\$ 6.00 per hour
Motor Grader	\$18.00 per hour
Load Dirt	\$ 3.00 per load
Huff Payloader	\$15.00 per hour
175 Payloader	\$18.00 per hour
Ford Backhoe	\$15.00 per hour
Quickway Backhoe	\$18.00 per hour



PLAQUE TO GIRL SCOUT LEADER — Mrs. Raymond Holmes, left, of Kings Mountain, received a service plaque at Saturday's annual meeting of the Pioneer Girl Scout Council at Gardner-Webb college. Mrs. Holmes has served as a Girl Scout leader in this area seven years and she was cited for outstanding contributions to the Girl Scout program. She is president elect of the Council. Mrs. John Gamble of Lincolnton, center, is incoming president and will serve from 1971-73. Mrs. Perry Carriel, right, of Gastonia, is executive director of the Council. (Photo by Jerry Barkley)



NEW PASTOR — Rev. A. Glenn Boland, pastor of Moncks Corner Lutheran church the past five years, was installed Sunday as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church on Crescent Circle. The local church is Rev. Mr. Boland's second pastorate.

Mrs. Ida Joy Is Resigning March 1

Retailer Group Manager Served For 13 Years

Mrs. Ida Fortner Joy, manager of the Merchants Association and Credit Bureau the past 13 years, has resigned, effective March 1, and Mrs. Joyce Childers Roark was employed Tuesday as manager-trainee.

President Bennett Masters also announced that Mrs. Lucille Camp Williams, employed by both the Credit Bureau and Chamber of Commerce since May 1963, has resigned, effective February 1, and will assume full-time secretarial duties with the Chamber of Commerce in its downtown office.

Mrs. Joy, wife of Luther Joy, has not announced her future plans. A native of Statesville, she grew up in Mount Holly and was graduated from Mount Holly high school. She joined the Merchants Association in March 1958 and has seen the association double the amount of credit reporting. She also serves as manager of Western Union and the Bus Station, also operated by the retailers. Mrs. Joy is employed by Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics. They are active in First Wesleyan church. They are parents of two sons, Gary Joy of Kings Mountain and Leslie Joy, who graduates today. (Continued On Page Eight)

Fire Bomb Does Minimal Damage

Police were called to Central Junior high school Monday when school personnel discovered that a fire bomb had been thrown through a window into a book storage room.

"According to Capt. William Roper of the Detective Division, there was a burned spot in the middle of the floor of the 20 by 20 foot room but failed to catch the building on fire.

"A small plastic container filled with gasoline was thrown through a ground floor window," said Roper. "Part of the wall was burned where gasoline drained onto the wall as the bomb came through the window." Roper said the burned spot on the floor was about 18 inches in diameter and about half an inch deep. The fire burned about half an inch into the wooden floor to the point where the floor planks (Continued On Page Eight)

Reorganization Of Industrial Committee Is Authorized

By MARTIN HARMON

By resolution of the city commission, the City of Kings Mountain is entering the Governor's municipal award program and expanding slightly and reorganizing the Mayor's Industrial committee.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the award program is under the direction of the commerce and industry division of the Department of Commerce and Development.

Guidelines call for dividing the Mayor's Industrial committee into six sub-committees: 1) industrial sites, construction, and utilities; 2) industrial plant financing; 3) government and taxes; 4) human resources; 5) marketing services and transportation; and 6) livability.

He told the city commission eleven industrial sites in Kings Mountain or adjacent, have been listed as available.

Wednesday he said the committee co-chairmen, L. E. (Josh) Hinnant and Senator J. Ollie Harris and himself, an ex officio member, will constitute the committee on industrial sites, construction, and utilities.

He added he expected to add two to three members to the overall committee, which now numbers 15 persons, besides himself, invited the listing of other industrial sites by interested citizens.

He said the city's "community audit" — a facts and figures report including a full range of items from hospital beds and overnight accommodations to average rainfall and temperature has been filed with the C & D department.

The commission passed a resolution commending the co-chairmen of the industrial committee for their "good work."

In other actions Tuesday night, the commission:

1) Approved petitions of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Zubanks, Fulton Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kiser, Woodside Drive, for inclusion in the city limits.

2) Authorized refund of \$9.85 in 1970 tax payment to Miss Eva Plonk, City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., said Miss Plonk's car had been over-assessed.

3) Received bids on a backhoe machine on a lease-purchase basis with Queen City Equipment Company, apparent low bidder at a gross price of \$305, Western Carolina Tractor Company, Charlotte, bid \$270, and Hardin-Dixon Tractor Company, Shelby, bid \$10,570. The bid of Allison Equipment Company, Charlotte, was rejected. This firm bid a rental price, no purchase price.

Mrs. Harrison's Father Passes

Funeral rites for Harlan Columbus Ledford, 57, of Shelby, father of Mrs. James Harrison of Kings Mountain, will be held Friday from Lutz-Austell Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in Sunset cemetery.

Mr. Ledford died at 8 a.m. Wednesday in Cleveland Memorial hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was an employee of the city of Shelby. He was son of the late Z. L. and Hattie Costner Ledford.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Sailors Ledford; two sons, Ronnie H. and Michael David Ledford of Shelby; another daughter, Mrs. Danny Hunt of Shelby; one brother, Guy Ledford of Shelby; one sister, Mrs. Hoyt Hayes of Charlotte and one grandchild.

The body will lie-in-state at the home at 505 N. Washington street, Shelby, until the hour of service Friday afternoon.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Don Forrest Bridges of 302 Edgemont Dr., Kings Mountain, was named to the Dean's List fall quarter at the Georgia Institute of Technology. To be named to the Dean's List at Georgia Tech a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 (B) or above.

OFFICER OF MONTH — Sgt. John Belk has been tapped as Police Officer of the Month.

Sgt. Johnny Grayson Belk, 30, is the Kings Mountain Woman's club choice for "Police-man of the Month."

Sergeant Belk Officer Of Month

The Kings Mountain man joined the local force as a patrolman in February 1967 and during the past four years has attended 10 special schools on law enforcement, including courses in search and arrest, introduction to law enforcement, basic law enforcement, the handling of firearms, radio operating, riot and crowd control, chemical test for alcohol, narcotic drugs, traffic investigation, and advanced course in chemical test for alcohol.

He is a member of the N. C. Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Before becoming a policeman, Sgt. Belk worked at Piedmont Motors, Inc., in Gastonia for two years before Uncle Sam called and he served a tour of Army duty. He worked at Bay Service Station for three years and Park Yarn Mills for four years.

He attended Kings Mountain high school and completed requirements for his diploma at Cleveland Technical Institute. He is active in the Wesleyan Methodist church. Mrs. Belk is the former Glenda Butler. They are parents of two daughters: Kathy, age nine, a third grader at North school; and Pamela, age six, a first grader at North school.

"Contact" Program Set

Mrs. Irene Millroy, Director of CONTACT — a telephone counseling ministry staffed by lay volunteers, will be at the Kings Mountain Community Center on Friday, February 5, at 7 p.m. to explain the need for and operation of a similar service in our community.

Such a program is designed, she said, to provide people with an opportunity to help with their problems through the anonymity of the telephone. It is not intended to compete with or substitute for any other service but to supplement and cooperate with other agencies and services, she added.

All adults interested in working with or learning more about this service are invited to attend.

Two Charged In Friday Raid

Cleveland County sheriff's deputies and ABC officers confiscated 600 cans of beer and 150 half pints of whiskey in a Friday night raid at a mobile home owned by Roger Conner, Grover road.

Conner was reportedly charged with illegal sale and W. T. Clary was reportedly charged with violation of the prohibition law for the purpose of sale. The cases are docketed for trial in District Court in Shelby February 17th.

Wilbur Benton and W. H. Brady, deputy sheriffs, and eight ABC officers raided five clubs and residences in Shelby and Upper Cleveland County the same evening. Officers said the raids were made because of complaints by citizens.