

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8,465

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,350 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,184 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, February 4, 1971

Eighty-Sixth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS



WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPION — Mrs. Sam Robinson, left above, received a handsome engraved silver plaque recently from the Kings Mountain Women's Golf Association as handicapped tournament champion for 1970. Making the presentation is Mrs. Charles F. Mauney, right, tournament chairman and a past president of the Women's Golf Association. (Herald Photo by Isaac Alexander)

CBD Project Parcel Bought From Mrs. Blanche Yarboro

City Ice & Coal Tract Is Third Of 44 Needed

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission has acquired its third tract in the Central Business District renewal project.

Latest tract to be acquired is the 22,000 square foot property of Mrs. Blanche Yarboro, occupied by City Ice & Coal Company, which fronts 100 feet on both South Railroad avenue and City streets and is 220-feet deep.

Purchase price for the property was \$14,600.

Prior properties purchased include:

- 1) The Virgie Harmon property on City street at \$13,500, and
- 2) The former Herald building on S. Piedmont avenue from First Baptist church at a purchase price of \$10,000.

Joe M. Laney, director of the Redevelopment commission, said the commission holds options on four other parcels and a verbal option on another.

He said the commission will purchase a minimum of two parcels, perhaps four parcels, by mid-March.

A total of 44 parcels are earmarked for purchase in the Central Business District project.

Original plan was to purchase the parcels in three phases covering about 12 months each.

"We are talking to other property owners and are appreciative of the cooperation we are receiving," Mr. Laney commented.

Parcels earmarked for resale will be auctioned after buildings to be razed and removed.

Mr. Laney said he has just received booklet entitled "Programs for Progress" which deal with colored maps both the Central Business district project and the Candler street urban renewal.

Copies will be distributed to property owners within the two renewal project areas and, on request, to other interested citizens.

Bids Let On Rest Area

Leibetter Brothers, Inc., of Rome, Ga., is apparent low bidder at \$1,141,911.62 for grading, concrete paving, signing, sewage treatment and disposal facilities for constructing Rest Area and Welcome Sites on I-85 between South Carolina State Line and Kings Mountain.

Final completion date for the project is August 1, 1972.

Bids totaling \$12,404,768.29 were received January 26th by the State Highway Commission at its regular monthly letting.

There were 21 road projects in 21 counties involving more than 118 miles of road construction.

All apparent low bids will be awarded by the State Highway Commission when it meets in Raleigh Thursday.



SPEAKER — Dr. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner Webb college at Boiling Springs, will fill the pulpit on Baptist Men's Day Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Temple Baptist church. Men of the church will fill the choir and present special music.

Silver Beaver To Edgar Wilson

Scouting's highest award, the Silver Beaver, will be presented to Edgar D. Wilson, Sr. of Kings Mountain at the annual banquet of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, Tuesday night at Dixie Village Cafeteria in Gastonia.

Mr. Wilson was instrumental in the consolidation of the Carver District and the Lincoln and Gaston Districts and in bringing the Scouting program to the black community, said George Anderson, president of the Piedmont Council.

Other scouts to receive the top award are David R. LaFar, III, of Gastonia, William H. Lee of Statesville, H. Eugene LeGrand of Shelby, Fred Harbinson of Conover and Sam Thomas of Forest City.

The awards are made annually upon the recommendation of the Piedmont Council and the approval of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America. The award is based on outstanding service to boyhood through participation in Scouting, community and church activities. Volunteer Scouters from any area of the Piedmont Council are eligible. The Piedmont Council area includes the following counties: Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Iredell, Alexander, Burke, McDowell, Rutherford, Polk, and Cleveland. A special Silver Beaver Committee appointed by the President of the Piedmont Council makes the final selection.

Said Mr. Anderson of Mr. Wilson: "Whenever there is a need Mr. Wilson is there to serve the youth of his community. He has worked all his life in the educational field, and has always tried to put before the youth the im-

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Montonia Group Elects Griffin, Blanton, Kiser

Two Kings Mountain druggists were elected directors of Lake Montonia Club, Inc. Thursday as stockholders held their annual meeting.

Charles Blanton, partner in Kings Mountain Drug Company, and Wilson Griffin, partner in Griffin Drug Company, were elected to three year terms on the board along with Ken Kiser of Bessemer City. Mr. Kiser is son-in-law of Mrs. Oranget B. Jolly of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Griffin was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Everette Pruden. Mr. Blanton will represent Cleveland County on the board and Mr. Kiser will represent Gaston County on the director's board.

All officers were re-elected to serve another one-year term. They include Neal Carson, Jr. of Gastonia, president; Bob Beason of Boiling Springs, vice-president; and W. Donald Crawford of Kings Mountain, secretary-treasurer. Vice-president Beason is son-in-law of Mrs. A. W. Kincaid of Kings Mountain.

Other directors are George B. Thomasson of Kings Mountain and Bob Crockett of Gastonia. Outgoing directors are Pat Tignor of Kings Mountain and Jim Wilson of Gastonia.

Newberry Band Here Monday

The Newberry College Singers and Stage Band will present a concert at Kings Mountain high school Monday.

Members of the group are on their annual mid-winter tour.

Charles Easley, Jr., son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Easley of Kings Mountain, is a member of the group.

City Commission Seeks New Bids On Backhoe; Strum: Specs Not Met

The city commission voted to re-advertise bids for a backhoe machine, after Bob Strum, salesman for Western Carolina Tractor Equipment Company, contended the low bidder had not met specifications on ten items.

Western Carolina, bidding on an International machine, was second low on the initial bidding, \$395 higher than Queen City Equipment Company, which offered the city a John Deere machine for \$9305.

Mr. Strum's principal contention was that the specifications called for 3300-pound lift capacity and that the maximum lift capacity of his competitor's machine was 2300 pounds.

Commissioner W. S. Biddix had

It's Race For School Board Post

Mauney Chairs Committees, On Six Others

State Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., of Kings Mountain, has been named chairman of the House committee on the Employment Security commission, vice-chairman of the water and air resources committee, and vice-chairman of the appropriations sub-committee on general government and transportation.

Rep. Mauney was also appointed by House Speaker Phil Godwin to membership on the committees on conservation and development, commissions and institutions for the blind and deaf, Banks and banking, and manufacturers and labor.

Rep. Mauney did not comment on particular legislation he anticipates will be received by the several committees on which he serves.

He commented, however, "There'll probably be more work on the appropriations sub-committee than on all the others put together."

He described it as a "working committee", explaining that with appropriation requests from 129 state agencies, the 60-member (half the number in the House) appropriations committee, is split into four sub-committees in four major areas of state government.

Rep. Kenneth Royall, of Durham, is chairman of the House appropriations committee.

22 Students On "A" Roll

Twenty-two Kings Mountain high school students were listed on the "A" honor roll for the nine weeks grading period and 141 students were listed on the "B" honor roll for the same period.

The "A" honor roll included the following: Seniors — Judy Childers, Jimmy Crawford, Linda Feemster, Lynn Finzer, Phyllis Hamrick, Carolyn Howard, Charles Reed, Wanda Gail Smith, Jack White and Cathy Wilson; Juniors — Ruth Davison, Norma Jean Morrison and Beverly Plonk; Sophomores — Lynn Blanton, Irene Louis Easley, Martha Jane Mauney; Freshmen — Tony Beam, Kenny Farris, John Plonk, Jimmy Pitts, Scott Wilson and Terry Woody.

The "B" honor roll includes the following:

Seniors: Gene Alexander, Ethel Ayers, Dale Blanton, Debra Blanton, Mike Bolin, Kathy Bowen, Cynthia Brown, Shirley Carroll, Susan Champion, Pam Cronan, Lynn Cornwell, Addie Ene Crocker, Euzellia Davis, Dwight Dixon, Renee Goins, Gloria Hartlin, Patricia Hawks, Geeser Howard, Kathy Heavner, Pam Humphries, Debra Henson, Rachel Huskey, Gale Lawing, Wilson Ledford, Lorine Littlejohn, Bill W. Loftin, Lynn Lovelace, David Lowery, Libby Owensby, Kay Patterson, Ronnie Payne, Ursula Perry, Anne Hunter Plonk, Becky Plonk, Darlene Quinn, David Randall, Sherry Reynolds, Debbie Rhea, Carl Rhodes, Gail Robinson, Chuck Ross, Jackie Ross, Philip Sanders, Amos Shear, Jill Sistrare, Wanda Adair Smith, Linda Wells, Sandra Whetstone, Pam Williams, Wilhermina Williams, Doris Wilson, Beverly Wright and Pam Wright.

Juniors: Nancy Bagwell, Helen Eeas, Diane Bridges, Lynne Bridges, Gary Bristol, Kathy (Continued on Page Eight)



CANDIDATE — Tommy Bridges has filed notice of candidacy for an in-city position on the board of education. He opposes Joe A. Neisler, Jr., for the seat being vacated by Mrs. Lena W. McGill.

Phifer Tract Bid Upped Again

The bid on the Martin Phifer property, being sold at auction, has been raised for the fifth time.

The new bid of \$60,489.89 was posted by Mrs. R. P. Anthony of Gastonia.

Re-sale is scheduled for February 18th at 11 a.m. at the Cleveland County courthouse door in Shelby.

Mrs. Anthony raised Postmaster Charles Alexander's bid of \$57,542.75.

The property, located near the Kings Mountain high school, contains 131.65 acres.

Rites Thursday For W. F. Neal

Funeral rites for William Franklin Neal, 44, of route 1, Grover, will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. from Shiloh Presbyterian church.

Rev. Robert A. Wilson will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Grover cemetery.

The body will lie in state at Harris Funeral Home until the hour of service.

Mr. Neal died Tuesday morning at 10:45 a.m. in Charlotte Memorial hospital of self-inflicted gunshot wounds he sustained at his home on Monday.

He had been in ill health for more than a year after suffering a stroke and had returned home from VA hospital in Columbia, S. C. in December.

He was employed as Production Manager at Minette Mills in Grover, was a veteran of World War II and a member of Shiloh Presbyterian church.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raymond Neal of Grover. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edwina Davis Neal; two sons, William F. Neal, Jr. and Thomas E. Neal and two daughters, Miss Jean Marie Neal and Miss Susan Neal, all of Grover; one brother, Charles E. Neal of Grover; and two sisters, Mrs. David Giles of Columbia, S. C. and Mrs. Robert Ruggs of Chamberlayne, Ga.

Five Permits Are Issued

King Winter hasn't affected the building business, as numerous building permits were issued this week at City Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander obtained a permit to build a six-room residence at 508 Ellenswood Drive at estimated cost of \$21,300. Marion Dixon was listed as contractor.

Cleveland Hosley Mill was issued a permit to build an office with estimated cost at \$4,000. J. Hobert Dye was listed as contractor.

Bridges Brothers Construction Company obtained a permit to build a six room brick veneer house on Scotland Drive at estimated cost of \$15,900.

Robert Howard Bryant was issued a permit to add an addition to his residence at 703 Crescent Circle at estimated cost of \$2,000. Marion Dixon was listed as contractor.

John Warlick obtained a permit to enclose a porch at his residence on Hawthorne Lane with estimated cost at \$600.

Tommy Bridges Opposes Neisler In School Race

First race of the 1971 political campaign developed this week as Tommy P. Bridges filed notice of candidacy for the in-city seat on the Kings Mountain board of education from which Mrs. Lena W. McGill is retiring in May.

Already filed for the six-year term is Joe A. Neisler, Jr.

The outside Kings Mountain term of P. A. (Tippy) Francis is also expiring.

Thus far there has been no activity for City Hall positions, where a Mayor and six ward commissioners are to be elected.

Mayor John Henry Moss, nor the commissioners, have made any official indications of their intentions, though friends say they expect the incumbents to seek re-election.

Challenger rumors have also been scarce. Among them:

- 1) Lt.-Col. (R) Robert G. Cox, a rumored mayoral challenger, may instead seek the Ward 5 post held by Mrs. Maude R. Walker.

- 2) Ex-Commissioner R. Coleman Stroupe may challenge Ward 4 Commissioner Norman King, as may Kenneth Roberts.

Tommy P. Bridges is secretary and treasurer of Bridges Auto Parts of Kings Mountain and Bessemer City and president of Lincolnton Aviation.

Bridges said in a formal statement, "The present board has done an excellent job. We have a school system of which to be proud. I will have children in this system for the next seven years and would like to be a member of the board."

Mr. Bridges is a member and deacon of First Baptist Church, a Mason in Fairview Lodge 339, a member of the National Association of Flight Instructors and resides at 804 Rhodes Avenue. He is now serving on the board of directors of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association. His wife, Ada teaches at First Baptist Kindergarten. They have three children in Kings Mountain schools. Lisa attends East School in the 5th grade, Tommy, Jr., attends Central in the 7th grade and Cindy is at Central in the 8th grade.

For the past fifteen years Mr. Bridges has been an auto parts wholesaler and a flight instructor or certified by the federal government.

Scholarships For Teachers

Howard Bryant, supervisor of instruction in the district school system, has announced that summer scholarships are available for teachers of exceptional children.

Applications should be directed to Mr. Bryant.

83 Pupil Citizens-of-the-Month Are Tapped In District Schools

Eighty-three student Good Citizens have been recognized by the Citizenship Committee of the Association of Classroom Teachers Kings Mountain Unit, North Carolina Association of Educators.

These students were chosen on the basis of good grades, good conduct, and respect for their schools, fellow students, and teachers.

The Good Citizens from the elementary schools and Central Junior high school were chosen by their classmates and teachers. Kings Mountain High school's citizen of the month was chosen by a committee from the Student Participation Organization on the basis of conduct and scholarship.

The Citizenship Committee of the ACT, in recognizing these Good Citizens each month, hopes to make good Citizenship an important part of each student's life. At the close of the school year, a Good Citizen of the Year from each school will be honored with an award from the ACT. The Citizen of the Year will be chosen from those honored each month.

The following have been chosen from their respective schools for January:

Kings Mountain High School
Becky Plonk

Central Jr. High
Cheryln Cole, Rusty Cloninger.

East Elementary
Eric Wright, Toni Ross, Lynn Eiters, Karen Blackwell, Lisa

Coleman Goforth Hearing Scheduled

City Attorneys Jack White and Verne Shive said Wednesday hearing before Clerk of Superior Court Ruth S. Dedmon in the city's condemnation action against Coleman Goforth has been scheduled for February 25.

The action was brought to acquire 150 acres which the city requires for the Buffalo Creek water project.

Mr. Goforth's is one of three principal tracts the city has not yet acquired, the others being those of Ambrose Cline and John D. Cline.

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All-Electric Home Rate Asked

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Appearing before the commission were Bill Brown, Howard Smith, Hugh Smith and Tom Yarborough.

Howard Smith was spokesman for the group and presented rate comparisons with Duke Power Company and the City of Gastonia, both of which employ all-electric home rate schedules.

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Greg Smith is arranger, composer and conductor for the program.

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