

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 Township in Gaston County.

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Re-Zoning Asked To Construct Apartment Complex

KMS & L 1970 Year Good One

"In 1971, and especially if present savings trends continue, there should be ample mortgage money for our community needs," Joseph R. Smith, Executive Vice President, Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association, said today. Mr. Smith predicted the favorable 1971 mortgage climate as he issued the institution's annual report.

He said that in general, 1970 was a good year for Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association. He pointed out that since last spring, when the Federal Reserve Board moved to an easier money policy, savings flows into the association have improved.

"The savings increases in the final quarter of the year were particularly encouraging," he said.

Smith cautioned, however, that any dramatic downturn in mortgage interest rates may be some time away. He said that traditionally mortgage interest rates are the last of the long-term interest rates to decline, usually lagging behind long-term corporate rates.

"If you have been thinking about buying a home but are waiting for mortgage interest rates to come down," he declared, "our advice is to buy now. Every year, costs more than offset whatever it seems the increase in building savings may develop as a consequence of lower interest rates."

Mr. Smith reported that as of December 31, 1970 savings deposits of the association stood at \$5,480,497.79, while mortgage loans on the books amounted to \$7,625,182.

Assets stood at \$6,220,292.83. Savings account holders at Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association now numbering 2686 received interest payments during the year which totaled \$262,038.00. \$38,927.00 were added to reserves in 1970, making total reserves \$577,782.00.

Looking ahead to 1971, Smith said we feel that it is going to be another good year.

"Much depends, of course, on public confidence in economic prospects and this, in turn, depends on success in the government's program to battle inflation and recession. We regard progress in curbing inflation as an essential prerequisite to a revival in economic activity."

Legionnaires To Conference

Four Legionnaires representing Otis D. Green Post 155 will attend the annual Washington Conference of the American Legion in Washington, D. C. February 13-17.

They include: Joe McDaniel, Jr., past commander, adjutant-financial officer and national membership and post activities chairman and a member of the National Security Council.

Carl Wilson, past commander and assistant athletic officer.

Carl V. Wiesener, past commander and currently 23rd District Commander and vice-chairman of the National committee on Americanism.

Ben Ford executive committee member in charge of house and rules.

Seven-Month Report: Income Tops Outgo 55.2 to 47.6% of Budget

By MARTIN HARMON

City operations during the first seven months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, showed 55.2 percent of estimated revenues received and 47.6 percent of estimated outgo expended, both against a balanced figure of \$2,725,774.

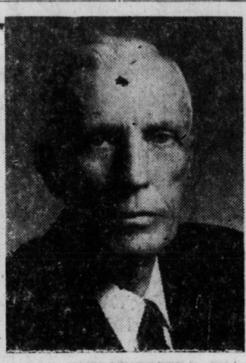
The monthly recap was presented the mayor and city commission at Tuesday night's regular February meeting.

Cash balances, exclusive of unexpended water and sewer bond accounts, totaled \$290,735.

Mayor John Henry Moss pointed out the as-of-January-31 report did not include an additional \$39,000 in current year ad valorem taxes received on February 24, last day for payment of taxes before penalty.



DR. JOHN C. MCGILL
President



J. ROAN DAVIS
President Emeritus

John C. McGill S & L President

Doctor Fifth President Of Association

J. Roan Davis, fourth president of the Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association founded in 1907 and a director for over 40 years, was named president emeritus by officers and directors at the annual meeting Tuesday.

Dr. John C. McGill, medical doctor and a member of the board since 1956, was elevated from the vice-presidency to the office of president.

Other officers were re-elected. They include Joseph R. Smith, executive vice-president; C. Glenn White, vice-president; and Mrs. Ruby H. Baker, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the board of directors, all re-elected, are Dr. R. N. Baker, Mrs. Ruby Hughes Baker, Glee Edwin Bridges, J. Roan Davis, Boyce Gault, Clyde Kerns, George Lewis, Dr. John C. McGill, Joseph R. Smith, and C. Glenn White. Attorneys for the firm are Davis & White, George B. Thomason and Garland, Alala, Bradley and Gray. Brenda Neal is loan clerk and teller, Kathy Butler is a teller.

Mr. Davis succeeded W. K. Mauney as president of the savings and loan firm on August 22, 1961. The late Mr. Mauney had served as president for more than 22 years, assuming the office in February 1939.

President Davis has been attorney for the association since coming to Kings Mountain to practice law in 1916. Former City attorney, he has been in declining health for some months and is a patient in the Kings Mountain hospital.

A former member of the North Carolina legislature, he has long been active in Central United Methodist church where he taught the Davis Bible Class for many years. His wife, the former Robert Miller, 81, died in November. There are two children: Mrs. Ben T. Jackson of Weston, Massachusetts and Bill Davis of Atlanta, Ga.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



PROMOTED — De Vere Smith has been promoted by Foote Mineral Company to manager of Foote's Financial Planning and Control, Chemicals Division, at the Exton, Pa. plant.

Foote Promotes De Vere Smith

Exton, Pa. — De Vere R. Smith has been appointed Manager, Financial Planning and Control — Chemicals and Minerals Division, it was announced today by Robert J. Johnston, Vice President and Treasurer.

Mr. Smith, who has been with Foote Mineral Company since 1953, has served as Plant Accountant for the Kings Mountain and Asbury Plant Operations, as well as Administrative Assistant for all of the Mineral Operations of the Chemicals and Minerals Division.

In recent years, Mr. Smith has assisted both Divisional Management and Corporate Management in numerous economic evaluations.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be relocating to the Exton area. Their two children a married daughter, and a son going to the Wake Forest University, will remain behind.

Whitley Rites Are Conducted

Walter Hubert Whitley, 68, of Bessemer City, died Sunday at 6:45 p.m. in Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was the son of the late Samuel L. and Mary Watson Whitley and a member of J. M. Odell Memorial United Methodist church.

He is survived by his widow, Wilma Loper Whitley; two sons, Ralph Whitley of Lincoln, Tex.; one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Potot of West Palm Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Outlaw of Bessemer City, Mrs. Marion Howard of Lyndon, S. C. and Mrs. Lucy King of Whitmore; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. from Sisk Funeral Home East Chapel by the Rev. George Lyndon. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Bill Grissom Is Chairman Of Fund Drive

Bill Grissom, president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, is chairman of Kings Mountain's 1971 Heart Fund campaign for \$4,000.

Mr. Grissom said the drive will be conducted throughout the month of February, Heart Month, with culmination on Heart Sunday February 21.

A door-to-door canvass is planned for February 21 and a Jaycee Roadblock with John Mitchell as chairman. Mrs. L. E. Hinnant is chairman of Wednesday's benefit bridge sponsored by Kings Mountain's four financial institutions, First Citizens Bank & Trust Company, First Union National Bank, Home Savings & Loan Association and Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association. The benefit games will be held at Kings Mountain Country club at 10:30 Wednesday morning.

Mr. Grissom said Bennett Masters and Bob Webster are co-chairmen of Business Days and that John Warlick is co-chairman with him in the industrial division of the campaign. Mrs. L. E. Hinnant is chairman of the bridge benefit; Mrs. F. S. Morrison is chairman of special events; Mrs. Jackie Barrett is poster chairman and Marvin Teer is treasurer.

Mr. Grissom invited citizens not contacted by a volunteer to forward contributions to Marvin Teer, in care of First Union National Bank.

Davis Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for Rev. Rassie Lee Davis, 70, retired Church of God minister, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Kings Mountain Church of God of which he was a member.

Rev. S. W. Avery officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Davis died suddenly Saturday night at 10:30 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering a heart attack. He was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Davis.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ollie Herron Davis; a stepson, James Herron of Rockford, Ill.; two daughters, Mrs. Marie Wright of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Betty Lewis of Woodbridge, Va.; six step-daughters, Mrs. Rachel Hogan of Rockford, Ill., Mrs. Helen Davis of Durham, Mrs. Elsie Hardy of Winston Salem, Mrs. Catherine Barnes of Sacramento, California, Mrs. Mary Hill of Mount Holly, and Mrs. Mildred Hill of Stanley; one sister, Mrs. Rilda Parker of McAdenville; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Bost

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ruby L. Bost, widow of Burton C. Bost, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Wilder and the Rev. Edward Brown officiating.

Interment was in Salem Lutheran church cemetery near Lincolnton.

Mrs. Bost, of 605 West Mountain street, died Friday at noon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Propst in Mooresboro. She had been in ill health for several months.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Monroe Lutz.

Surviving, besides her daughter, are two sisters, Mrs. Irene Hewitt of Gastonia and Mrs. Joyce Franks of Gaffney, S. C.

Women's Club, Community Center To Share Talent Show Proceeds

Proceeds from the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club's 15th annual talent show will be to the Women's Club and Community Center for air-conditioning, Joe A. Neisler, Jr., chairman, announced this week.

The 14th annual event will be held March 18th at Central School auditorium.



RICK HINNANT



DOUGLAS SINCOX



KAREN HINTON

DAR History Awards Given

Winners of the DAR American History Month Essay Contest were announced this week by Mrs. J. E. Herndon, chairman of that committee for the Col. Frederick Hambright Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

They are: Eighth Grade — Karen Hinton, Central Junior High 13-year-old daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Russell L. Hinton, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church. Her essay was "The Constitution of the United States."

Sixth Grade — Douglas John Sincx, East school, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Sincx. He is a pupil in Mr. Simmons' sixth grade. His essay was "James Madison—The Great Compromiser."

Fifth Grade — Rick Hinnant, North School, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hinnant. He wrote about "Benjamin Franklin". He is a pupil in Mrs. Glee E. Bridges' fifth grade.

Rick Hinnant also was the winner of the District II essay contest for fifth graders and will receive an additional award.

Second place recognition for the eighth grades went to Ricky Morrison; in the sixth grade to Bonnie Hinnant, North school; and a third place to Bonnie Hinnant, North school; (Continued on Page Eight)

A. R. Hawkins, Jr. Dies Of Injuries

Truck-Train Hit Wednesday On SR 2274

A. R. (Junior) Hawkins, 29, died Wednesday afternoon of head injuries, four hours after his clay-loaded 1971 International Dump Truck was struck by a north-bound Southern Railway freight train at a crossing near Grover.

Hawkins, driver for Bennett Brick & Tile Company, died in Charlotte Memorial hospital where he had been taken by ambulance at 12:55 p.m.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

According to Highway Patrolman Jerry L. Evans, investigating officer, the accident occurred at the railway crossing north of White's Service Station between White's and Archdale Dairy. Hawkins was reportedly returning to Bennett's Phifer road plant from the Bennett Brick & Tile plant on Rural Road 2274.

Engineer L. H. McWhorter, 51, of Greenville, S. C., said he saw the truck approaching the tracks and sounded the train horn. He said when the dumptruck appeared stopped in the center of the tracks he locked the brakes of the train and jumped onto the floor. The impact demolished one engine and demolished the truck, Trooper Evans said. Property damages were estimated at \$22,000.

A passenger riding in the engine with McWhorter suffered handcuts from a falling fire extinguisher. McWhorter was uninjured.

Dorus Bennett, official of Bennett Brick & Tile, said Hawkins had been employed by his firm five years. He had previously worked at R. A. Jolley Amoco Station.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hawkins, Sr. of Kings Mountain, Hawkins was married to the former Diane Harris, a former employee of Griffin Drug Company. Mrs. Hawkins is expecting their first child. The junior Hawkins reside at 400 Walnut street.

Surviving besides his wife and parents are two brothers, Billy Hawkins of Kings Mountain and Travis Hawkins of Gastonia; and one sister, Mrs. James Early of Van Wert, Ohio.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Harris Funeral Home.

CHAPLAIN HERE

Rev. Bob Harrington, "The Chaplain of Bourbon Street", will give an address at the Kings Mountain Community Center February 18th at 7:30 p.m. under sponsorship of the Kings Mountain Rotary club.

Lutheran Tract Is Optioned To Developer

The city commission has referred to the zoning board a request by Aubrey Mauney, agent for the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, for re-zoning of ten acres of 13.89-acre tract off York Road adjacent of KAO Kamps.

Mr. Mauney wrote the commission that a realty development firm has optioned the tract for the purpose of building apartments. Mr. Mauney noted that the city is housing short and that planned re-development projects will remove more houses. He also pointed out that the tract, now zoned for general business, if the zoning board concurs, will be more limited as to usage.

On petition by the owners of Ashbrook Park, off Waco Road and Candler street, for annexation to the city, the commission voted to advertise a public hearing. Owners of the 21.9 acre tract are Hal S. Plonk, Dr. George W. Plonk, Wray A. Plonk and N. F. McGill, Sr.

In other actions: the commission:

1) Voted to advertise for bids for water and sewer lines to serve DeRose Industries in Kings Mountain Industrial Park. Gaston County is committed to defray cost of the estimated \$7200 expenditure.

2) On recommendation of Chief of Police Tom McDevitt, authorized employment of former officer Ralph Grindstaff to replace Richard Reynolds who is resigning February 20.

3) Authorized the safety committee to work with the fire department on personnel and equipment matters. Members of the committee are Commissioners Bill Dickey, chairman, Ray Cline, W. S. Biddix and T. J. Ellison and Chief of Police McDevitt.

Merchants Tap Bill Grissom

Bill Grissom, partner in Ben T. Goforth Plumbing, has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for the coming year.

He succeeds Bennett Masters. Other new officers are Jim Downey, vice-president; and Mickey Bell and Charles Templeton, directors. Hold-over directors are Bob Webster, Tommy Bridges, David Plonk, Clint Rankin, Douglas Eubanks and Don Jones. Bennett Masters will serve as ex-officio member of the board.

Mr. Grissom has been active in civic, church and community affairs. He is a former Young Man of the Year, active Jaycee and active in First Presbyterian church and its youth program. He and his wife, the former Claudia Goforth, and their children live at 204 Roxford Road.

METER LOCKS FROZEN

No parking collections were made this week. The meter box locks were frozen, City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., reported.



TEAM CAPTAINS IN GARDNER-WEBB FUND DRIVE IN KINGS MOUNTAIN — These six men are the team captains and leadership in the general gifts part of Gardner-Webb College's drive for \$30,000 from the Kings Mountain area. Left to right, Pete Connet, team captain, O'Brien Brooks, Jr., team captain; Joseph R. Smith, team captain; Shuford K. Peeler, team captain; Lee A. McIntyre, general gifts chairman and Robert G. Cox, team captain. The campaign's kick-off dinner was held Monday night (Feb. 8th) and the first report meeting will be held next Monday night, February 15th.