

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 1965, and includes the 14,850 population of Number 4 Townships, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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City Promptly Amended '70 Budget Ordinances

Hearing To Be Tuesday On Sewer Use Law

Pyle, Mayor, Clerk Say Deficits Gone

Two Are Delegates To Girls' State

Rising Seniors, Finger, Smith Are Honored

Two rising seniors at Kings Mountain high school — Anne Hoke Finger and Karla Smith — will represent American Legion Post 155 Auxiliary at Tar Heel Girls' State June 20-26 on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Announcement of their selection was made by Mrs. Ken Cloninger, Girls' State chairman for the local auxiliary. Mrs. Cloninger said basis of selection are: leadership, character, honesty, physical fitness, scholarship, cooperativeness and interest in government. Recipients of the honor must be in the upper third of their class.

Miss Finger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Finger, was among members of the high school newspaper and annual staffs to visit the University of Georgia Wednesday through Friday. She is president of the Luther League at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, a member of the editorial staff of the school annual, has been active in the Science club, Future Teacher's band, math club, pep band, French club, student council and a May Court representative in 1969. She was a member of the Junior Varsity basketball squad, enjoys tennis and swimming. She is employed by Fulton's Dress Shop.

Daughter of Kyle Smith and Mrs. Billie Smith, Karla Smith is an active member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church and enjoys sewing, piano and swimming. She works after school at One Hour Martinizing and on weekends at Royal Villa. In high school she has been active in the Health Careers club, Science club, French club, Future Teachers of America, annual staff, band council, band and pep band. Miss Smith plays piano for her Sunday School department at Kings Mountain Baptist church.



DELEGATES — Anne Hoke Finger, top, and Karla Smith will represent American Legion Post 155 Auxiliary at Tar Heel Girls' State June 20-26 on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

IRA Honors Otis Falls

Otis Falls, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 91 in Kings Mountain, has received a Presidential Citation of Appreciation from the North Carolina Council of the International Reading Association. The third annual conference of the thousand-member organization met at Charlotte's White House Inn on March 4-6.

Mr. Falls received the official recognition and presentation in person at the Third General Session on Saturday. State President Richard Culyer, a former teacher in the Kings Mountain Public Schools, nominated Mr. Falls for his dedicated long-term efforts to combine the ideals of Christianity and Scouting to boys of scouting age.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Crouse

Funeral rites for Mrs. Maude Rudisill Crouse, 79, widow of Sylvanus Arthur Crouse, were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from St. Matthew's Lutheran church of which she was a member.

Rev. Charles Easley officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. Mrs. Crouse died Thursday night at 9:30 in the Kings Mountain hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack at 8:30 p.m.

Cobb Hurt In Bike Crash

Michael Steven Cobb, 23, of 304 East King street, was treated for injuries Thursday at 6:25 p.m. at Kings Mountain hospital after his 1970 Yamaha struck the right side of a 1964 Chevrolet.

Damage to the motor bike was estimated at \$400. Driver of the car was William Jennings Cline, 18, of 310 North Gaston street, who told police he had stopped for a stop sign and started across Ridge when the collision occurred.

State Agency Has Approved Proposed Law

Public hearing on a proposed sewer use ordinance will be held by the city commission Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.

The proposed ordinance meets the approval of the Department of Water and Air Resources. Ward 6 Commissioner Jim Dickey, chairman of the city sewage committee, said his committee, the city engineer and industry representatives, along with officials of the state Department of Water and Air Resources Commission, had been working for six months to obtain a sewage use ordinance "with which everyone can live."

"To All I say thanks for what I consider a very good ordinance proposal," said Dickey. Col. W. K. Dickson, city engineer, commended the work and spirit of cooperation of the city committee and industry representatives at a recent commission meeting.

At Tuesday's regular meeting the board will also review a power contract proposal from Duke Power Company and will set up election machinery for the city and school board election May 11th. Judges and registrars are to be named.

Auto Dealers Are Indicted For Tax Evasion

Ernest L. Rogers and James P. Blanton, both of Shelby, were indicted for income tax evasion by the Federal Grand Jury, sitting at Statesville, on March 15. Federal District Judge Woodrow Jones is holding court there this week.

Blanton and Rogers, who were President and Vice-President, respectively, of Blanton Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc., of Shelby, were charged with "willfully, knowingly and feloniously attempting to evade and defeat a large part of the income taxes due and owed by Blanton Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc. to the United States of America for the calendar years 1964, 1965, and 1966."

Ernest L. Rogers, who bought James P. Blanton's interest in Blanton Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc., and who continued to operate the company under the name of Rogers Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc., Shelby, was also indicted on an identical charge relating to the attempted evasion of the income tax owed by Rogers Pontiac-Cadillac, Inc. with respect to the calendar year 1967. Rogers is President of the successor corporation.

Varied Entertainment On Tap For 14th Kiwanis Schools Event

Twenty-six individual or groups of students will perform in Thursday night's 14th annual Kiwanis School Talent Show at 7:30 p.m. in Central school auditorium.

Entertainment will vary, from song and dance renditions to a comedy act, a baton routine, rhythmic bands, piano, vocal and organ solos, tap dances, impersonations, a Dixieland band and a performance by a ventriloquist.

Registration Books Will Open April 10



SPEAKER—Jim Heavner, Kings Mountain native and general manager of WCHL Radio Station in Chapel Hill, will speak to Kings Mountain Lions club members Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Woman's club.

Lions To Hear Jim Heavner

Jim Heavner, Kings Mountain native, will address Kings Mountain Lions club members at their Tuesday night meeting at the Woman's club.

Heavner, 31, son of Mr. and Mrs. Plato Heavner of Kings Mountain, is general manager of WCHL Radio Station in Chapel Hill and vice-president of the Village Broadcasting Company. He is also the founder and president of the Village Publishing Company in Chapel Hill and chairman of the board of the Greenville Publishing Company in Greenville, N. C.

Heavner has become known as one of the top spokesmen for radio in America, and is in demand as a speaker before advertising and radio groups throughout the country. Last year alone, he made appearances in more than 20 states and lectured at sales seminars in points as far-flung as San Antonio, Texas; Seattle, Washington, and almost every major city in between.

Mrs. Beam's Rites Thursday

Mrs. Lela Westmoreland Beam, 70, of Grover, died at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at home.

She was the widow of Henry Lee Beam.

Survivors are three sons, Robert B. and Harry, both of Grover, and Tom of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Gilmer Richardson of Lenoir and Mrs. Gene Ledford of Shelby; four brothers, J. B. Westmoreland of Grover, Dr. George Westmoreland of Granite Falls, H. A. Westmoreland of Kingsport, Tenn., and W. E. of West Milford, Pa., and a sister, Mrs. J. H. Bennett of Morris, Ga.; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Grover First Baptist church with Revs. Hugh McManis, Jr. and Franklin Monroe in charge. Burial will be in Grover Cemetery.

Politics Still As Was; No New Candidates File

The candidate list in the municipal election remains as was: 11.

No new notices of candidacy were filed this week.

The rumor list remained only slightly productive.

One rumor going the rounds this week was that Hugh A. Logan, Jr., former Cleveland County sheriff and Kings Mountain police chief, who retired January 1 from the prison department, may challenge Ray W. Cline for Ward 1 Commissioner.

Another was that George B. Ford, retired assistant postmaster, may be a Ward 5 commission candidate.

Another was that Dan Finger of Hoke Electric, Inc. may be a Ward 5 candidate.

The 11 candidates pose two races.

In Ward 5 there is a contest between Kelly Dixon, ex-Mayor and building contractor, and Howard Shipp, Negro minister and Craftsman Yarns employee. Craftsman Yarns employee. They seek the seat from which Mrs. O. O. Walker is retiring.

Ret. Lt. Col. Robert G. (Bob) Cox is the only announced candidate for mayor. Mayor John Henry Moss is considered a sure candidate.

Tommy Bridges and Joe A. Neisler, Jr. are vying for the inside-city board of education seats.

P. A. (Tippy) Francis of Grover has filed for re-election to his outside city board of education seat.

All incumbent commissioners filed notice of candidacy for re-election last Wednesday. They are: Ray W. Cline, Ward 1; W. S. Biddix, Ward 2; T. J. Ellison, Ward 3; Norman King, Ward 4; and Jim Dickey, Ward 6.

Filing deadline is April 27th.

Oxford Announces More Benefits

A significant increase in employee benefit program for all production employees of Oxford Knitting Mills has been announced by Joe Machnik, Plant Manager.

Included in these benefit programs is a new retirement plan, paid for entirely by the company, which is effective January 1, 1971. Benefits under the retirement plan include such features as prior service credit for long term employees, early retirement, investing disability payments and death benefits.

In commenting on the new benefits, Joe Machnik said, "Our ability to provide these additional benefits at no cost to our employees is a direct result of the efforts and loyalty of all our people, and an indication of our confidence in the continuing success of our company."

President And Mrs. Nixon Send Birthday Greeting To Mrs. Styers

Mrs. Pearl Long Styers received a birthday greeting from President and Mrs. Nixon on her 91st birthday Monday.

The widow of W. F. Styers spent a quiet day at home with a surprise visit from her son, John Styers, of Hampton, Va.

Judges, Officials To Be Named By City Board

Registration books will open April 10th at eight precincts for the May 11th city and board of education elections.

The city board of commissioners will set up election machinery and approve officials at Tuesday night's meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Bethware and Grover precinct voters will help determine only the election of a member of the board of education representing the outside city school patrons.

At the six in-city precincts, voters will elect a mayor, six ward commissioners and a member of the city board of education representing inside-city district patrons.

Polls will open on four successive Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel, Jr. said no new registration is required. New citizens, age 21 and over, who have lived in the state 12 months and in Kings Mountain 30 days prior to May 11th, are eligible to register and vote.

Basil Francis' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for William Basil Francis, 78, of Blacksburg, S. C., husband of the former Brigitte Wells of Kings Mountain, were held Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Blacksburg ARP church, of which he was a member.

Rev. J. G. Brawley and Rev. J. Paul Turner officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Carveth Wells, P. A. Francis, Steve Francis, Joe Beam, Warren Beam, and Bill Crozier.

Mr. Francis died Friday night in Cherokee County Memorial hospital where he had been admitted Thursday morning for nose bleed. He had suffered a heart attack two years ago but had been in apparently good health.

He was a retired machinist and plumber.

Other survivors include two sons Dr. William W. (Bill) Francis of Picketts, S. C. and Jimmy M. Francis of Blacksburg, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Della Beam of Gaffney, S. C. and three grandchildren.

G-W Ensemble At Bethlehem

Lewis Crawford, a student at Gardner-Webb college, will preach at Bethlehem Baptist church on the coming Sunday morning.

The Gardner-Webb College Ensemble will present a program of music at the evening worship hour which begins at seven o'clock. The eighteen member ensemble has recently toured several states.

The public is invited to hear them at Bethlehem church.

\$17,738.10 Deficits In 3 Utility Accounts For Fiscal '70

City Clerk Joe McDaniel said Wednesday the city promptly amended its budget ordinance three days after the mayor was informed by the Local Government Commission of a deficit in three city utility accounts for fiscal year 1970.

The deficits were \$6,079.23 in the water-sewer fund, \$6,630.01 in the electric fund and \$5,028.86 in the gas fund.

Paul E. Pyles, supervisor of the Commission's accounting advisory section, said the city is not in financial trouble but he felt justified in calling the operating deficits to the mayor's attention.

Form letters are mailed to all municipalities, he said.

He called attention to the deficits in a form letter sent to Mayor John Moss Feb. 23, based on a review of the city's audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1970. He said the commission has about \$60 to \$80 more than we get time."

He said the Kings Mountain audit report was received last November and that the deficits were shown in the report. The audit report was published in the Herald January 14th.

Pyles discounted published reports that Kings Mountain would have to raise taxes to cover the deficits.

Mayor Moss said the city had amended its budget for the current year in the three funds to take care of the deficit in each fund.

"The city can eliminate these deficits out of money coming in from the customers, rather than taxes, continued Pyles. "Pyle said he hasn't seen the current year's budget or the amendment but I know after talking with the mayor steps are being taken to amend the situation that I called attention to in my letter of Feb. 23."

Published reports indicated there was a \$103,614 deficit in the city's general fund. Pyle explained that general fund expenditures did exceed revenues by that sum, but that the city ended the fiscal year with a balance of about \$500 in the general fund. He said this was done with surpluses at the end of the year and transfers from the utility funds to the general funds.

Also, the audit report showed a deficit of \$11,796.38 in the urban beautification fund and a deficit of \$30,163.50 in the community civic center fund.

Pyles said these two funds involved federal grants and were late in getting confirmed and paid, but that they have been cleared up since June 30 with federal grant money.

"At the time I wrote my letter to Moss I did not know the circumstances of these two funds," Pyles said, "but since then I have realized they were special kinds of funds and being financed in part by federal grants enabling them to be cleared up since the (Continued On Page Eight)

Police Investigate Hit-Run Accident

City police were investigating a hit-run accident Wednesday.

Sgt. John Belk said Norman G. Yates, of 707 N. Gantt street, was stopped at a switch track east of the Linwood crossing Monday at 7:45 p.m. when his car was struck in the rear by another car which left the scene of the accident.

Police said it had been established that George Blalock, 418 E. Church street, Bessemer City, was operating the second car.

Damages to the Yates vehicle were estimated between \$150-\$200.

No charges had been preferred Wednesday afternoon.

ALD Taps Faye Pressley

Princess Faye Pressley, Kings Mountain freshman student at North Carolina State University, is among 17 N. C. freshmen coeds named to membership in the nation's leading freshman scholastic honorary society for women, Alpha Lambda Delta.

Miss Pressley, chemistry major, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Pressley of 517 S. Battleground avenue.

The 17 young ladies were initiated Wednesday. All have earned grade averages of 3.5 or better for the first semester of their freshman year, or a cumulative average of 3.5 or better for both freshman semesters.

NCSU received a charter for its chapter in December 1970 to become one of 166 of the nation's leading colleges and Universities to offer Alpha Lambda Delta honors to its outstanding freshman women scholars.

Miss Pressley is the only Cleveland County student honored.

Jack White Is Finalist

Jack Hutchings White, Jr., high school senior student, is among 80 high school students from the United States who will participate in finals competition for an Angier B. Duke Memorial Scholarship April 6-8 on the campus of Duke University at Durham.

White is son of former N. C. Senator Jack H. White and Mrs. White.

White was notified of his selection as a finalist this week.

Angier B. Duke Memorial Scholarship finalists are chosen from the more than 5,500 applicants to the University. Recipients of these awards are students whose superior records mark them as young men and young women who give outstanding promise of becoming leaders in their chosen fields of endeavor.

KMHS Guidance Counselor Robert Lettwith said the Angier B. Duke Memorial Scholarships are intended to recognize young men and women who possess outstanding qualities of intellect and leadership. As potential leaders, they should possess unique qualities of character, personality and intellectual integrity and a sincere interest in becoming responsible and contributing members of society.

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Sunday the family gathered for a birthday dinner at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Tate, a pink and white horseshoe cake was cut and served with ice cream. A large number of friends from Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Bessemer