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Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits	8465

1971 Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,924 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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Miss Deborah Timms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Timms of Kings Mountain is the 1971-72 "Miss Limestone".

A freshman majoring in elementary education, Miss Timms was crowned during the annual event at Limestone college Saturday night. She was sponsored by Lambda Mu Sigma Fraternity and during the talent presentation played Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto.

The new "Miss Limestone" was crowned by Dr. F. D. Bassett, sponsor of the Senior class. Seventeen young women competed for the title and were judged on talent, poise and personality.

Other winners were: Peggy Ann Denny of Bishopville, S. C., first runner-up; Carolyn Grant of Andrews, S. C., second runner-up; Debbie McDonald of Columbia, S. C., third runner-up; and Jane Hayes of Duncan, S. C., fourth runner-up.



PRESIDENT — John A. Cheshire has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for the coming year succeeding L. E. Hinnant.

Cheshire Heads Country Club

John A. Cheshire, partner in Patterson Oil Company, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Country Club at the annual meeting of officers and directors March 16th.

Mr. Cheshire succeeds L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, executive officer of First Union National Bank.

Other new officers are Fred Wright, vice president; Larry Hamrick, secretary; and Joe Smith, treasurer.

New directors are Dr. George W. Plonk, Donald McGinnis, John Howze and Gene Timms.

Outgoing directors are Mr. Hinnant, Charles Neisler, Dr. Sam Robinson and D. M. Peeler.

Jaycees To Sell Easter Orchids

Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct the sale of Easter orchids with proceeds earmarked for community projects.

President Ken Roberts said advance ticket sales will begin Saturday with various Jaycees conducting a street sale in front of Myers Printing on West Mountain street.

Sewer Use Law Passed By City

Area Industries Praises City For Good Work

The city commission Tuesday night unanimously adopted a sewage use ordinance which Mayor John Henry Moss termed "a milestone" for Kings Mountain.

Commissioner James J. Dickey, in making the motion for adoption following a public hearing, 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 seven months to obtain a sewage use ordinance with which everyone can live.

Joe Kakassy, president of Area Industries, Inc., presented a letter of commendation to the mayor and all the board members for "their time and effort in this undertaking." Area Industries includes K Mills, of which Mr. Kakassy is president; Duplex International; Carpet Industries; Craftspan Yarns; Mauney Hosiery; Margrace Mill; and Oxford Industries; all of whom worked with the board's sewer committee in formulating the ordinance.

No opposition to the ordinance was voiced during the public hearing.

Prior to the hearing, Mayor Moss read the 14-page document into the record. The reading took 40 minutes.

Mayor Moss said: "I think it is quite notable when industry and elected officials join hands against pollution."

Chairman Dickey expressed appreciation to Mr. Kakassy and other industry officials for their "diligent effort to work out pollution problems. It's been seven months of pretty hard work," he commented.

"To all I say thanks for what I consider a very good ordinance" he added.

Mayor Moss read a letter from Roy M. Davis, associate regional engineer of the municipal waste section, Department of Water and Air Resources, approving the ordinance. Mr. Davis wrote: "(Continued on Page Six)

Warlick Agency To Manage Hay

Miss Helen Hay, owner of Kings Mountain's oldest insurance agency, has informed her customers she is turning the management of the firm over to C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency effective April 1.

She writes: "After many years of service as an insurance agent, I have made a long considered decision to withdraw from active participation in the insurance business. As of April 1, 1971 I am turning the management of my agency over to the C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency. I will continue to have a financial interest in the business, however, and I feel that it is to the best interests of my customers that I have chosen the Warlick Insurance Agency for continuing service to them."

"Mrs. Madge P. Warlick, John Warlick, and Larry Hamrick are well qualified professional agents who will most capably take care of your insurance needs. Your renewals will continue to be issued as usual. As time goes on, I will probably become completely inactive in the business, but during the transition period while the Warlick Agency is becoming familiar with my business, please continue to call me if you have any questions. I have listed below important information for your use."

WHERE TO REPORT CLAIMS: The Arthur Hay Agency at 140 W. Mountain Street will continue open indefinitely. Telephone this agency at 739-3659 as heretofore or call the C. E. Warlick Agency at 739-3611. If you call the Warlick Agency, be sure to identify yourself as a Hay customer."

Bruce Holland Is Bound Over; McDevitt, Horn Ask Investigation

Bruce Holland, 18, of 816 West Gold street, was bound over to Superior Court Thursday for action by the grand jury on a felonious charge of possession of marijuana.

District Judge Robert W. Kirby denied motion by defense attorney C. A. Horn to dismiss the charges and commented: "From what I've heard in this hearing there is reason to believe there are others guilty of criminal violations. If the solicitor's office wants to make other charges, that's up to that office. I strongly urge Chief McDevitt and Lt. Corn continue their investigation into this matter as they see fit and strongly urge that they look at the possibility of other criminal charges."

Kings Mountain Police Chief Thomas McDevitt subsequently requested the State Bureau of Investigation and the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department hold an independent investigation of the circumstances surrounding the arrests and dismissal of charges against Jimmy Edward Mauney, Cindy Gail Alexander, Devere Rogers Smith, Jr. and Bruce Holland. Charges of possession of marijuana against Mauney and aiding and abetting charges against the other three were not pressed with leave on Feb. 11.

Chief McDevitt said he has been asked by several people if he was paid off to have the charges not pressed. "I have not taken a dime from anyone for anything," McDevitt said he did not recommend that charges be not pressed as was reported in the Shelby Star. He said he concurred with the decision to not press the cases after district court solicitor Julian Wray and attorneys involved in the case reviewed the evidence. Wray said at the time of the original preliminary hearing "we just did not have enough evidence to go forward with the case."

New charges against Holland were brought after the original charges were not pressed and the Holland preliminary hearing, which started two weeks ago, was halted and continued after Holland testified that George H. Mauney and Mr. and Mrs. Devere Rogers Smith of Kings Mountain had offered to pay his fine and get the charges against him reduced if he would take complete blame for the charge.

The four youths were arrested on December 5, 1970. Jimmy Mauney was charged with possession and the other three were charged with aiding and abetting in possession of marijuana. Lt. David Corn said he stopped Mauney's car on N. C. 161 near the city and a packet of marijuana was thrown out of the window of the car.

Chief McDevitt, the only witness to take the stand Thursday, said Holland came to his office on December 6, 1970 with his father. "Bruce said he wanted to talk to me about the case. He (Continued on Page Six)

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Will Work To Maintain Tax Rate

Mayor John Henry Moss filed Wednesday for a fourth term. He is being challenged by Lt. Col. Robert G. Cox (R), who is manager of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor made his formal announcement at a press-radio conference Wednesday afternoon.

To a question he said, "I will work to maintain the city's ad valorem tax rate of 85 cents per \$100 valuation."

He declined to project the growth in ad valorem tax base for the coming year, but pointed out that the tax base has grown approximately \$15 million from 1965 to 1969, from \$21 million to \$36 million. He added that the city's power kilowatt demand has grown from 4392 to 9630.

He also pointed out that the city's peak debt service year was fiscal 1970 and by June 1971 the bonded debt will have been reduced below \$4 million, amount of bonds sold by the city to build the sewage treatment plant on Potts Creek and to expand the plant on McGill Creek. Other debt of the city represents bonds issued in 1954 to build the initial McGill plant, to lay water and sewer lines, and to build the Davidson and Deal street swimming pools, a total issue of \$600,000.

John Henry Moss is a Kings Mountain native, born in the Park Yarn Community, son of Manuel A. Moss and the late Amanda Oates Moss. His grandfather moved here from Earl in the mid-eighties. Moss is an Army Veteran of World War II (1941-45) who served in Europe.

He was a Ward 4 Commissioner from 1947-49, subsequently was general manager in Detroit Tigers Minor League System for five years, later was general manager of a professional football club.

He formed the John Moss Agency, a Public Relations Firm in Wausau, Wisconsin. He was a leader in reviving the Western Carolinas League in 1959.

He was a manufacturer's sales agent covering seven (7) southeastern states.

He has twice served as Chairman of Cleveland Association of Government Officials, is a member of State of North Carolina Water Safety Committee, a member of Advisory Council on Urban Studies and Urban Development and on the programs committee of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

He is a member of St. Matthews Lutheran church, the American Legion, V.F.W., Rotary, and Elks.

Mrs. Moss is the former Elaine Beilke of Wausau, Wisconsin. They reside at 504 Crescent Hill.

Day Care Group Is Appointed

The city commission Tuesday approved Mayor John Moss' recommendation for appointing a Day Care Commission, a non-profit organization which will develop a day care operation at the Kings Mountain Civic Center.

The Mayor subsequently appointed Charles F. Mauney, general manager of Mauney Hosiery Mills, chairman of a 10-member committee.

Other members of the committee are Mrs. Helen Logan, Clint Rankin, Carl De Von, Mrs. F. J. Sincos, M. L. Campbell, C. A. Allison, Jimmy Jenkins, Dick Shaney and Mrs. John Blacklock.

In addition to the training of youth as well as a child care center, the program would help working mothers in that it would provide child care while the mother is at work in area textile plants.

The mayor said he is enthusiastic about this program and that he is pleased with response to the proposed project.

Senator Harris' Aunt Passes

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ocie Blanton Harris, 71, of Shelby, aunt of Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain, were held Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Webb Chapel of Shelby's First Baptist church, interment following in Sunset cemetery.

Mrs. Harris died Saturday morning at 10:30 in Cleveland Memorial hospital. She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Asbury Blanton.

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Rev. Gene Watterson and Rev. Dwight Mullis officiated at the final rites.

Youth Program Re-Authorized

The city commission Tuesday night approved the mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program for 1971.

Mayor John H. Moss, in requesting that the board approve the program for the third year, said 823 students were involved in the program during the past two years of its operation.

Aim of the program is to obtain summer employment for youth of the area which "most times means the difference as to whether the boy or girl is able to remain in college" said the mayor.

Mayor Moss recommended appointment of Franklin L. Ware, Jr. to head the program for the third year. Mr. Ware, manager of the Cleveland County ESC office, has worked closely with city officials and industry in correlating the program, said Moss.

He said the program is "purely volunteer."

Ward 1 Commissioner W. S. Biddix, who made the motion to authorize continuance of the program, commented: "I'm glad to be able to make this motion. We didn't have anything like this when I was growing up."

And, Ward II Comm. Roy Cline, in seconding the motion, quipped: "With all this future stuff, it looks like it (the mayor) is going to run for re-election." The mayor had no comment.

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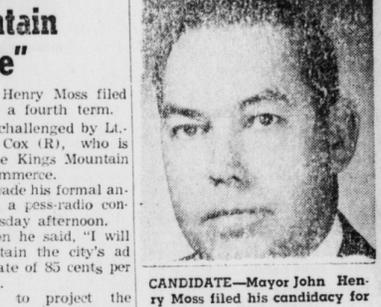
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Senator Harris' Aunt Passes

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ocie Blanton Harris, 71, of Shelby, aunt of Senator J. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain, were held Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Webb Chapel of Shelby's First Baptist church, interment following in Sunset cemetery.

Mrs. Harris died Saturday morning at 10:30 in Cleveland Memorial hospital. She was daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Asbury Blanton.

She is survived by her husband, Miller F. Harris, two sons, Albert Harris of Raleigh and John F. Harris, III, of Alexandria, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Howard Farley of Raleigh; one sister, Miss Selma Blanton of Shelby; and five grandchildren.

Rev. Gene Watterson and Rev. Dwight Mullis officiated at the final rites.

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Band Concerts Set April 1st

The Kings Mountain High School 82-piece band and the 37-piece Freshman Band will play a free concert at Central Junior high school auditorium April 1st at 7:45 p.m.

Band Director Donald Deal said the high school musicians will play the pieces they will present in the state contests at Marion on April 3.

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