

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 1968, and includes the 14,980 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,134 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Cowden Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS



GOOD CITIZENS — The nine Kings Mountain students pictured above were named the year's Good Citizens among 720 honored as citizens of the month during the nine month's school term which ends Wednesday. The citizenship committee of the Association of Classroom Teachers presented each of the 720 with certificates and will present trophies to the grand prize winners. Front row, from left to right, David Hambricht, Desiree White, Shane Gibson and Doris Moore. Back row, from left, Jonie Blanton, Mark Mercier, Becky Plonk, Johnnie Hogue and Steve Lancaster. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Laney: Legal Action On CBD Holdouts

Footo Ups Wages By 28-Cents Hour

Three Employees Are Honored For Long Service

The Kings Mountain Operation of Footo Mineral Company held its annual barbecue and safety meeting on May 20. E. R. Goter, Operations Manager, took this opportunity to announce an increase in wage and fringe benefits for the hourly employees as follows:
1. A wage increase of 10.1 per cent, which is an average of 28c an hour.
2. Improved basic hospitalization insurance benefits, paid 100 per cent by the Company, to include an increase in room allowance, medical payments and surgical schedule.
3. Work shoe allowance increase of 50 per cent.
4. Meal allowance increase of 50 per cent.
5. An increase in the monthly pension benefits.
Safety, award buttons and gift certificates were given to employees for working without a lost-time accident. John B. Barber, Jr., received one for two years; Uzza Parker for 10 years; Robert W. Hurlbut, Hilliard Black and John O. Van Dyke for 15 years; and Edwin R. Goter, Ernest C. Maples and Dennis L. Goforth was the first employee at the Kings Mountain Operations to reach the 20-year mark, having started to work in October of 1950.



GRADUATES — Gaither Baumgardner, top, and Doyt Phifer received college diplomas in weekend commencement exercises.

Suits To Result From Faltering Negotiations

By JOE M. LANEY

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission is in process of making final written offers to several property owners where ample time has been provided to evaluate offers for property.
The commission reports that recent activity downtown has generated considerable interest in investment in the central business district by local businessmen. This is very encouraging since private investment is the key to success of a redevelopment program.
The value being offered to the property owners is based upon two independent appraisals by competent, qualified real estate appraisers. Private appraisals over the past several months reinforce these appraisals and previous transactions along with recent sales further support them.
Most land negotiation is based on one appraisal and bargaining within a limited range from that value. This usually results in the property owner facing a professional negotiator hired to purchase the land at the lowest possible price. To eliminate this the Department of Housing and Urban Development has established a policy in urban renewal programs of initially offering full compensation — the highest value — based upon the two appraisals so that the owner is indeed paid fair market value.
Under the new uniform relocation and acquisition act of 1970 just passed in congress this practice is now being used by all agencies who are purchasing land in connection with federal programs.
The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission sincerely feels that fair value has been offered and in addition there are tax advantages. For instance in the negotiation the Redevelopment Commission is striving to impress owners that they may reinvest in the downtown and purchase property based on the same criteria — fair market value. This will allow the owner to reinvest in downtown property at a fair price and provide opportunity to defer tax on gains realized in his sale.

Jonas Bridges Run-Off Winner

Bridges To Take Oath Of Office Thursday at 10

Jonas Bridges, general manager of Radio Station WKMT, was elected Ward 5 commissioner Tuesday in a run-off election.
Mr. Bridges who led five candidates in the regular election balloting of May 11 by 105 votes, repelled the challenge of Kelly Dixon, former mayor who placed second, by 70 votes.
Voting was light.
Only 676 persons voted compared to 1963 on May 11.
The vote count was: Bridge 376, Dixon 297.
Four write-in votes for Howard Shipp, third-runner in the May 11 voting, were declared invalid.
In winning, Mr. Bridges won five of the six wards. He lost only Ward 3, where Mr. Dixon had a 23 vote margin.
Oath-taking ceremonies are scheduled for City Hall at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.
Commissioner-elect Bridges will succeed Mrs. Maude R. Walker as Ward 5 representative on the commission. Mrs. Walker did not offer for re-election. She was appointed to the commission at the death of her husband, Commissioner O. O. Walker, won election to a full term in 1969.



ELECTED—Jonas Bridges, manager of Radio Station WKMT, defeated Ex-Mayor Kelly Dixon in a run off election for Ward 5 Commissioner Tuesday.

G-W President Banquet Speaker

"Liberty, intelligence, moral, ethical and spiritual awakening will lead us out of the culture shock," Dr. Eugene Poston told members and guests at the thirty-third annual ladies night banquet of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.
The president of Gardner-Webb college had declared, "We are in the midst of a culture shock."
He recalled that the late President Kennedy, in his inaugural address, declared, "We must get America moving again."
Ten years later, Dr. Poston said the word is, "Let's get together again."
Somewhere, during the intervening years, Dr. Poston said, many Americans have lost their sense of values.
He acknowledged problems, a major one being acceleration in virtually every direction, from speed of moon-bound capsules to the publication of books.
A principal challenge he continued, is that "We must grasp our technological thrust."
He said he often felt less alarmed about youth "most of whom are looking for a meaningful life" than for their parents, who he said, fail their children in providing the wrong sense of values.
Charles Blanton presented Dr. Poston.
President Johnny Reavis presided. (Continued on Page Eight)

Commencement Rites To Start

Commencement exercises for 256 Kings Mountain high school graduating seniors will begin on Sunday with baccalaureate service and culminate on Wednesday with graduation exercises.
Both programs will be held at 8 p. m., the baccalaureate service on Sunday, night in the gymnasium and the finals exercises on Wednesday in John Gamble Memorial Stadium.
Rev. R. H. McDowell, pastor of Lovesville United Methodist church in east Lincoln county, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon and other ministers of the community will participate.
Rev. S. T. Cooke will pray the invocation, Rev. N. C. Bush will read the scripture, Rev. Charles Easley will introduce the speaker and Rev. Russell Pitts will pronounce the benediction. The congregation will sing, "This Is My Father's World" and special music will be presented by the high school choir. Under the direction of Mrs. J. N. McClure, the choir will sing "Amazing Grace," with soloist Doris Wilson followed by "Sanctus and Benedictus" with Debbie Burns, soloist, and Mozart's "Alleluia." An instrumental ensemble will play both professional and a n d recessional marches.
Senior class members will take part in the graduation program. Following the professional, (Continued on Page Eight)

No Negro Students Elected, They Demonstrate For "Equalization"

Kings Mountain high school students approved overwhelmingly and via secret ballot yesterday the establishment of a Lower House and an Upper House in student government next year.
By the action the Student Participation Organization constitution will be revised. It will call for officers in the Lower House to be composed of both black and white students, "50 percent blacks and 50 percent whites." Election of officers in the Upper House will be across-the-boards.
Black students on Friday appealed to KMHS Principal Jake Atkinson and SPO President Grafton Withers for equal representation in class officers for next year after no black students were elected in school-wide balloting.
School elections had been conducted week-long with very few black candidates vying for offices in student government or class positions. Campaigning had ended and balloting for class officers begin Friday.
After the votes were counted, a committee of black students met with Principal Atkinson and then followed a meeting of the whole student body where all but 150 students endorsed a plea of black students "equal representation." An open hearing was called on Sunday afternoon by SPO President Grafton Withers, who presided, and presented formal recommendations which were approved. The student body went to the polls Wednesday and the new SPO recommendations passed.
Supt. Donald Jones had high praise for the students who he said conducted the meetings and worked out student problems in an exemplary manner. He said this reorganization of student government is in line with the state legislature.

Sales Tax: Friday Hearing; Simmons Issues Statement

Friday Night Public Hearing At Courthouse

The county commission will conduct a public hearing at the county courthouse Friday night at 7:30 on the question of levying without vote, the one percent sales tax permitted by legislation of the current General Assembly.
The new legislation followed reversal by the Supreme Court of a prior act which permitted those counties voting in favor of the local one percent levy in a state-wide referendum. A company which had paid the tax under protest brought the action.
The result was a financial bind for the 24 counties.
The effort by the General Assembly to help financially hard-pressed counties, supporters said, which have virtually no source of revenue except the ad valorem property tax.
The Cleveland County commission has discussed possibility of levying the tax in several sessions.
The county commission is urging citizens to attend the public hearing Friday night to make known their wishes concerning levying of the local option sales tax.
After the state revenue department deducted one percent of collections for the service the remainder would be distributed to the counties and incorporated municipalities under one of two formulas: population or ad valorem tax value.



TAPPED — Jerry Lee Simmons, Kings Mountain teacher, has been inducted by Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity at Western Carolina University.

Phi Delta Kappa Taps Simmons

Jerry Lee Simmons of Kings Mountain was recently initiated into the Western Carolina University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Educational Fraternity. Mr. Simmons is a part-time graduate student at WCU and is employed as a sixth grade teacher at East Elementary school in Kings Mountain. He plans to finish requirements for the M.A. Degree in School Administration at the end of the Fall Quarter at Western. (Continued on Page Eight)

Alternatives Are Outlined By Simmons

County Commission Chairman B. E. (Pop) Simmons issued a statement Wednesday in which he outlined alternatives the commission has if it does — or doesn't — impose the one-cent sales tax authorized by the current General Assembly.
The commission has the option to levy the tax without vote of the electorate, or via vote of the electorate.
If the commission imposes the levy by June 1, the added local sales tax will be effective beginning July 1.
Mr. Simmons' statement follows:
According to our County Finance Director, Joe Davison, who under the law to examine the County's financial condition, review proposed budgets for all departments and taxing districts, and to make budget recommendations for the fiscal year 1971-72; budget requests have been received by him. The total budget requests, if granted as presented, would have required a substantial increase in the tax rate, even considering the normal growth in the tax base, estimated this year to be approximately 15 million, or more, when final figures are tabulated. In fact, to have granted the original requests, including costs of landfills, water lines already promised or committed, increased social services costs, and the funds necessary for letting the proposed contract for the new have resulted in an estimated base rate of \$1.90 per \$100 — an increase of 60c over the present base rate of \$1.30. This was the startling first look at our financial picture for 1971-72.
By trimming or cutting out entirely certain budgeted items which our Finance Director did (Continued on Page Eight)

Goforth's Phifer Tract Bid High

Coleman Goforth, entering the bidding for the first time, emerged high bidder for the Martin Phifer property May 17 at \$76,000. Deadline for raising the bid is Thursday at 5 p. m., with a \$3855 raise required to create another re-sale situation.
The tract contains 131.5 acres, is adjacent to Kings Mountain high school and the city limits.

Bumgardner Rites Thursday

Funeral services for R. O. Bumgardner, 72, of Shelby, father of Mrs. Bumgardner of Kings Mountain, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 p. m. from Shelby's Lafayette Street Methodist church. Rev. Harold Simpson will officiate and interment will be in Sunset cemetery.
Mr. Bumgardner died at 4:10 Tuesday morning in Cleveland Memorial hospital.
Other survivors include his wife, two sons, one daughter, two brothers and four sisters.

Board Of Education Rezones Parts Of Two Districts: Over-Crowding

The Kings Mountain board of education Monday night went on record as endorsing the \$200 million statewide capital outlay bond issue recently introduced in the legislature.
In other action, the board in a lengthy session:
1) authorized proposal to the state for the paving of parking areas around the high school.
2) authorized Supt. Donald Jones to check prices for erecting fences and around areas at Central and West schools.
3) authorized the superintendent to investigate the purchase of two relocatable classroom units from the county school board for use at the high school. Cost of the units would be \$2,200 each.
4) authorized sale of various items of surplus school property at public auction.
5) received the annual report on the cafeteria system and report that a grant application had been made for a dishwasher and oven for East school.
6) voted to prohibit the use of motorized vehicles on school grounds after school hours. This action came following a discussion of complaints about the use of minibikes in school parking lots and grounds after close of school.
7) authorized the superintendent to negotiate a contract with a new auditing firm after hearing a letter from the auditing firm of Hamcock and Redding stating they could not meet the board's requirements in the future for the Title I Audit.
8) received invitation from Mrs. Wanza V. Davis, schools secretary, to attend the National Educational Secretaries conference at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro July 15-18. Mrs. Davis is 1971 NAES chairman.
9) transferred John Blalock from Central to the high school where he will teach and coach.
10) heard a report from Supt. Jones on interest the local Rotary club had shown in spearheading a campaign to purchase a mini bus for transporting 18 homebound students who attend trainable classes in the Shelby school system. The board asked Jones to investigate prices of one of three buses that will be sold at public auction by the county system soon.

Committeeman McGinnis Resigns

Hubert McGinnis, the city's nominee to the appraisal committee in the city's condemnation action against Coleman Goforth, has resigned.
Mr. McGinnis, one of a group which has been bidding for the Martin Phifer property, said he felt compelled to resign when Mr. Goforth entered the bidding for the Phifer tract at the May 17 sale. "It would not be ethical for me to continue to serve on the appraisal committee," Mr. McGinnis said.
Mayor John Henry Moss said the city is petitioning the clerk of court to relieve the other two members and to name a new committee of three.

Boyce White's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Boyce E. White, 52, of route two, were held Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. from Buffalo Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.
Mr. White in ill health the past six months, died Friday night in the Kings Mountain hospital. He made his home with a sister, Mrs. Madge Williams, of route two.
Son of the late Rufus and Mae White of Cleveland County, he was a veteran of World War II.
Besides his sister he is survived by his wife Mrs. Viola Ayott White of Providence, Rhode Island; a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Ann Powell of Providence, Rhode Island; and three brothers, Rev. S. A. White of Hamptonville, Rev. Hubert White of Virginia Beach, Va., and Clayton White of Casar. Also surviving are two grand-children.

Hustetler Wreck Injuries Fatal; Funeral Rites Held On Wednesday

Funeral rites for Colen Harold Hustetler, 27, were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral home, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.
Mr. Hustetler died shortly after he arrived at Kings Mountain hospital from injuries he received in a 6:10 p. m. wreck Monday, on York road three miles south of the city.
According to investigating N. C. State Trooper G. E. Mull, Hustetler was headed north on N. C. 161 near the South Carolina State line when he ran off the right side of the road, hit an embankment, overturned twice, hit a small, well house and struck a tree. Mull said Hustetler was apparently thrown from the car and was crushed when the car rolled over him. Mull said Hustetler was the only occupant of the car when it wrecked.
Son of Mrs. Mildred Noblitt Russell of Kings Mountain and the late Colen F. Hustetler, he was a partner in H & B Car Wash and was a member of the Besse-

mer City, American Legion Post. He had served four years with the U. S. Air Force.
Surviving, other than his mother, are his wife, Diane Turner Hustetler; one daughter, Kimberly Diane Hustetler of the home; one son, Charles Hustetler of New Sharon, Maine; his stepfather, W. A. Russell of Kings Mountain; one stepbrother, Dale Russell of Kings Mountain; one step-sister, Mrs. Jerry Bumgardner of Kings Mountain; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Pearl R. Kiser of Bessemer City, maternal grandfather, Russell Noblitt of Stewart, Fla.; and his paternal grandfather, Dave Hustetler of Kings Mountain.
Rev. Russell Plyler, Rev. Charles Freeman and Rev. Frank Shirley officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.
Active pallbearers included Wayne Burton, Gene Stone, Steve Robbins, Dean Abbott, Andrew Jackson Dellinger, Ronnie Ross and Winnie Eiters.

School Calendar Is Approved

The 1971-72 school calendar was formal approved by the Kings Mountain board of education Monday.
It provides for three snow days with these to be added to the spring vacation "if not needed."
The calendar:
Teachers Day, August 23-24.
Fall Orientation Day, August 24th.
First Full Day For Students, August 25th.
District NCAE meeting, October 1.
Labor Day, September 1.
Thanks-giving, November 25-26.
Christmas holidays, December 18-January 2.
Evaluation Day, January 18.
Spring vacation, March 31-April 4th.
Last day, for students, May 31.
Last day for teachers, June 2.