

Population

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 1968, and includes the 14,950 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,964 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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US 74 Corridor Route Hearing Here On October 12th

Mrs. Neisler's Funeral Rites Thursday at 11

Funeral rites for Mrs. Margaret Milton Neisler, 25, will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from First Presbyterian church. Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor, assisted by Rev. James Fogarty of Charlotte, will officiate at the rites. Interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Neisler died Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at her home at 505 Crescent Hill, self-inflicted gunshot wounds, according to the ruling Wednesday of Cleveland County Coroner M. D. (Bub) Walker who conducted the investigation with officers of the Kings Mountain police department.

Mrs. Neisler's body was found at 10:20 a.m. by Mrs. Larry Hamrick when Mrs. Hamrick went to the Neisler home to pick up Mrs. Neisler who was going to interview a maid, the coroner said. Walker said Mrs. Neisler and Mrs. Hamrick were talking on the telephone at approximately 9:55 a.m. and when Mrs. Hamrick arrived at the house 25 minutes later, she received no answer. Mrs. Hamrick went into the house and found Mrs. Neisler lying on a bed with a .32 caliber pistol beside her head. She had been shot once in the stomach and once in the right temple, according to the coroner. Mr. Walker said Mrs. Hamrick found the Neislers' two-year-old daughter in another room playing. Mrs. Neisler had written a note to her husband, the coroner said.

In lieu of flowers the family has designated memorials to the American Cancer Society. Surviving are her husband, Hunter Ramsey (Chip) Neisler, 11; their daughter, Amy Stevens Neisler; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens Milton of Vero Beach, Fla.; and one sister, Mrs. Sam Oakley of Roanoke, Va.

Bumgardner Is Improving

Kings Mountain race driver Don Bumgardner remains a patient in Charlotte Memorial Hospital following a wreck several weeks ago in a stock car race in Concord.

Bumgardner is out of the intensive care unit and is in good spirits but still has severe arm and shoulder pains.

A family spokesman said Wednesday that his arm and shoulder injuries will require surgery but the doctors said he must get much stronger before they can operate.

Car-Wash Benefit For Mrs. Green

Dixon Community 4-Hers will wash cars Saturday at City Auto & Truck Parts for benefit of the Frances Green Kidney Fund and the young people are sponsoring.

The drive was lagging Wednesday with gifts reported at \$1,599.31 at First Union National Bank, treasurer for the campaign. Already used for medical bills from the collection effort are \$100 from the local fund and \$1000 collected from inmates of the Shelby Prison Unit who sponsored a car wash in Shelby recently.

Mrs. Green underwent a kidney transplant August 5th in Charlotte Memorial hospital.

Mayor To Newsman "I Don't Know"

"I don't know." Mayor John Henry Moss was summoned to the phone Wednesday afternoon by Howard Covington, Charlotte Observer reporter, who asked if the Mayor were a possible candidate for 10th district U. S. Representative.

Reporter Covington told the Mayor he had heard his name mentioned in speculation about possible candidates for the office.

The Mayor told Mr. Covington he was naturally appreciative that anyone might be mentioning him, but that, as a full-time mayor, he is saddled with several large and important principal projects which demand his time.



RESCUE SQUAD FUND CAMPAIGN TWO-THIRDS COMPLETE — Members of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad are hard at work to top a quota of \$8,000 for equipment. Captain Delbert Dixon, left, and Henry Lewis, CB radio club leader, are pictured at the Labor Day rest stop area on U.S. 74 at the western entrance to the city as volunteers provided coffee to weary motorists during the weekend received over \$1,000 in donations. (Heald Photo by Jim Belt)

KM Rescue Squad Drive Does Well



STEWARDESS — Cathy Jo Hardin has received her stewardess wings from Piedmont Airlines and is based in Roanoke, Va.

Stewardess Wins Wings

Miss Cathy Jo Hardin has been awarded stewardess wings by Piedmont Airlines following completion of an intensive four week training course at the service carrier's home office in Winston-Salem.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Earl Hardin of Kings Mountain, Miss Hardin is based in Roanoke, Virginia.

During her training Miss Hardin studied first aid, passenger service techniques, weather and safety procedures.

Miss Hardin is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and also attended Gaston college in Dallas. Prior to joining Piedmont Miss Hardin was employed by Ferguson Gear company in Gastonia.

Mrs. Green Doing Well

Mrs. Frances Green remains a patient in Room 7735 of Charlotte Memorial hospital where she is reported "doing well" and is now allowed visitors.

The Kings Mountain woman underwent a kidney transplant operation August 5th and received a healthy kidney from her sister.

ROTARY PROGRAM

A representative from the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad will be guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kings Mountain Rotary club at 12:15 at the Country club.

Fund Campaign Is Two-Thirds Completed

Walter D. (Butch) Morrison, Jr., 19, has been an avid Citizens Band Radioman for several years and operating from his wheelchair doesn't hamper him a bit. He gave the first five dollar bill to the CB club's current project Saturday to aid the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad in its fund-raising drive for \$8,000 for a new ambulance.

The fund drive reached the two-thirds complete mark Wednesday afternoon and CBers are leading volunteers with collections of \$1490.68. Radio Day Saturday collections totaled \$900 from on-street contributions and a Labor Day Weekend Fest stop brought in an additional \$1,000 from motorists who stopped for coffee during the busy Labor Day weekend.

Kings Mountain Jaycees are calling on area businessmen and industry officials this week in an effort to complete the goal by next week, end of a two-week drive for funds.

Young Morrison, who keeps a constant check on CB activities with other club members in a 150-mile area via radio from his Oak Grove community home, thinks the drive goal will be topped.

Henry Lewis and other "buddies" of young Morrison kid him a lot about chatting with "girl-friends" but he doesn't mind. Afflicted with spinal difficulty almost all his life and confined to a wheelchair, Butch Morrison enjoys basketball and football via the television set, has a room full of tapes and assorted radio equipment and keeps busy. He

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WINS MEDAL — Colonel William O. Ruddock has received a meritorious service medal for service in the U. S. Logistic Group, Ankara, Turkey.

Col. Ruddock Wins Medal

Colonel William O. Ruddock, Kings Mountain native, has received the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding noncombat meritorious service during his tour of duty as director of procurement and production headquarters, the U. S. Logistic Group, Ankara, Turkey. In this important assignment, Colonel Ruddock's outstanding leadership and devotion to duty were instrumental factors in the resolution of many problems of major importance to the Air Force. He demonstrated the "highest degree of professionalism, dedication to duty, knowledge, enthusiasm, initiative, and effective management of personnel."

Colonel Ruddock, in his present assignment as Commander of Defense Contract Administration Services District, Birmingham, is responsible for the administration of government contracts with industry in Alabama, Mississippi, Northwest Florida, and Tennessee. He directs the efforts of 430 civilians and 35 Army, Navy, and Air Force military personnel and has administration of more than 4,500 contracts with a dollar value in excess of \$100 million.

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Construction Begins On 26-Unit Townhouse Apartment Complex

Construction is underway by H. Fields Young, of Shelby, on a 26-unit luxury apartment complex fronting on West King street Country Club Road and Sharon Drive.

The complex will represent an investment of approximately \$425,000. Included will be eight three-bedroom units, to rent for \$175 per month, 12 two-bedroom units to rent for \$150, and six one-bedroom units to rent for \$125. Stove refrigerator, dish washer, and garbage disposal will be in-

cluded in all units floors, including closets, will be carpeted, a clubroom will be included, and a swimming pool 25 x 40 built. Mr. Young purchased the property from John Dilling and Ben T. Goforth. It contains 83,200 square feet. Plans for the townhouse style apartments were drawn by Jack Boyte, Charlotte architect. It is the second apartment investment in Kings Mountain by Mr. Young, his \$100,000 eight-unit complex on West Gold street now nearing completion.

Ware Reports Labor Market Is Very Tight

The Kings Mountain labor market is quite tight, Franklin Ware, manager of the Shelby office of the employment security commission said Wednesday.

For August the unemployment rate was down to 1.1 percent of the 21,604 persons in ESC-covered jobs. The rate was 1.4 percent in July.

In August there were only 15 continued claims for unemployment compensation from Kings Mountain, 240 in all of Cleveland County.

"We need job applicants badly," Mr. Ware commented. Mrs. Violet Dixon is at the Kings Mountain Community Center Mondays to register job applicants and on Thursday to handle claims.

Job openings are available for shipping clerks, machine fixers, card tenders, slubber tenders, circular knitters and sewing machine operators. Mr. Ware said not as many high school graduates of last spring entered the labor market as he had hoped. Only 54 of 225 making themselves applicants for permanent employment.

"Some were going into service, others entering college," he explained.

Hubbard Advises Grant Application

By MARTIN HARMON

E. C. Hubbard, assistant director of the state Water and Air Resources commission, has suggested the city and its neighbors apply for state funds for regional planning of water and sewage disposal systems.

The recent General Assembly appropriated \$200,000 for planning and advanced engineering on sewage disposal systems and \$100,000 for water systems.

Mayor John Henry Moss discussed regional planning informally with Mr. Hubbard, Charles Coburn of the Water and Air Resources commission, and Harlan Boyles, director of the Local Government commission, recently at a chance meeting in Gastonia.

Mayor Moss said he felt the city commission would want to seek the planning grant.

"Regional development will require cooperation between Cleveland and Gaston counties, Bessemer City and King Mountain," the Mayor commented. A cooperative program would be more extensive in scope and undoubtedly cheaper than if each agency proceeds separately.

"It will open the way for regional growth and should be a particular boon to the East Kings Mountain and York Road areas. The city already has some basic utilities on York Road, including two reservoirs, a gas main, water line and electric power line.

"Kings Mountain's programmed needs for water and sewage system are estimated at \$1,790,000, a million for sewage treatment, \$500,000 for sewage lines, and \$290,000 for water system."

The Mayor said this figure is included in the \$150 million state bond issue scheduled for next year. Under the share formula, the federal government would supply 50 percent of the \$1,790,000, the state and city governments 25 percent each.

Westover Sets Homecoming

Homecoming Day will be observed Sunday at Westover Baptist church with the Rev. Broad Matthews, first pastor of the church, as guest minister.

Rev. Mr. Matthews will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock morning worship hour. Picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour, and all members, former members and friends are invited to participate.

John Ross, minister of music, will lead a Gospel Sing, beginning at 2 p. m. with the Cornwell Sisters, the Riverside Quartet and the Sons of Love Trio to be featured in the program of music.

METER RECEIPTS Parking meter receipts for the week ending Tuesday totaled \$107.70, with \$11.10 from off-street meters and \$96.60 from on-street meters.

Herndon Property Will Be Acquired

Mrs. Herndon Agrees To Sell Large Parcel

The Redevelopment Commission has announced that agreement has been reached in negotiation for the Mountain Lanes property adjoining the First Union Bank. The 42,000 square foot tract extends from Battleground to Cherokee Street and includes the bowling lanes and the warehouse portion of the building occupied by Sterchi Furniture. The property, owned by Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Sr., is expected to be purchased in the near future.

This is one of the largest single parcels scheduled to be purchased by the commission and director Joe Laney has expressed optimism concerning purchase of several additional parcels in the near future. With this purchase the redevelopment commission will have acquired eight parcels totaling over two and a half acres downtown.

Laney expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the individual property owners since the commission has acquired all properties thus far through negotiation. He said this is "the best indication that the community is fully behind the program which is the main ingredient to success."

Wilson To Speak At Homecoming

Rev. Donald Wilson, a former minister, will fill the pulpit at Homecoming Day services Sunday at Eastside Baptist church.

Rev. Wilson, Superintendent of Missions at Three Forks Association in Boone, will speak at the 11 o'clock morning worship service. Picnic lunch will be spread at 12:30.

The afternoon song service, which begins at 1:30 p. m., will feature Larry Woods and Cindy Alexander with the Temple Youth Choir, Bethlehem Quartet, and the Youth Choir of Gastonia, and the Church of God Young People and many more.

Rev. Harry Vance, pastor, issued invitation to the interested community to join in the service.

Plans Underway For Celebration

The Mountaineer Days Parade will definitely be held on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 4 p. m., says Mrs. Lucille Williams, spokeswoman for the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, one of the sponsoring groups.

"We have contacted some businesses which might be interested in entering a float," said Mrs. Williams, "and if there is anything wishing to enter one, we'd like to hear from them as soon as possible."

Mrs. Williams said she can be reached at the Chamber of Commerce. Continued On Page Eight

Bethware Fair To Open Wednesday; 24th Year For Community Event

It's Fair Time again in the Kings Mountain area. Gates to the 24th annual Bethware Community Fair swing open Wednesday at 4 p. m. The fair will run through Saturday night, September 18th.

The fair is sponsored each year by the Bethware Progressive Club. Fair president Jim Yarbo said that for the fourteenth year cash prizes will be offered for winning exhibitors. Special drawings, midway rides and shows and fireworks displays will highlight the event. Admission is free.

Queen of the Fair will be Miss Judy Ware, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Ware. The fair gates will swing open at 1 p. m. Thursday for Children's Day and will open at 3 p. m. Friday and 1 p. m. Saturday. The fair closes Saturday at midnight. Entry deadline for general exhibits will be Wednesday and all entries will be judged on next Friday.

Recommended Alternate Veers To North

By MARTIN HARMON

The State Highway Commission has scheduled a public hearing on corridor route for the U. S. 74 bypass for October 12 at the National Guard Amory at 1:30 p. m. Two public hearings have already been held, in May and September of 1965.

Legal notice advertising the hearing is published in today's edition of the Herald.

The notice reads: "The North Carolina State Highway Commission will hold a corridor public hearing on the proposed relocation of US 74 from its interchange with I-85 west to existing US 74 near SR 2319. The proposed corridor is north of existing US 74, crosses Cleveland Avenue between Deal Street Park and East Elementary School, crosses the Southern Railroad between Phoenix Mill and Mullins Textile Mill, crosses Piedmont Avenue in the vicinity of Fulton Street and crosses Candler Street in the vicinity of Brice Street. This location is the same as presented at the public hearings in May and September of 1965. From this point two alternate corridors will be shown. Alternate 1 is the same as presented at the earlier hearings. It parallels existing US 74, crosses Kings Mountain Country Club, crosses US 74 at SR 2036 and ties into existing US 74 near SR 2319. Alternate 2 crosses SR 2026 at its intersection with SR 2034, crosses SR 2034 in the vicinity of its intersection with SR 2036, thence westerly crossing SR 1001 in the vicinity of its intersection with US 74 and tying into US 74 near SR 2319.

"Aerial maps setting forth the above are available for public review and copying at the City Hall in Kings Mountain and the Division Office of the North Carolina State Highway Commission in Shelby.

"The hearing will consist of an explanation of the alternate corridors, right of way procedures, and relocation advisory assistance. The hearing will be opened to those present for any questions, comments, statements and/or submission of material pertaining to the proposed corridor. Additional material may be submitted for a period of ten days from the date of the hearing to the office of Mr. R. W. McGowan, Assistant Chief Engineer, Reconstruction, North Carolina State Highway Commission, P. O. Box 25201, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

Sides To Lead Lutheran Series

Resurrection Lutheran church will participate in an Area Evangelism Mission, Sunday through Wednesday, sponsored by the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church in America.

The theme of the Mission, "Send!", will be developed through a series of contemporary worship services using a fellowship supper, a hymn sing, a dialogue sermon, a chancel drama, and a contemporary celebration of the Lord's supper. The Mission will begin with the 11 a. m. service on Sunday, September 12. A covered dish fellowship supper will be held Sunday at 6:30 p. m. The services Monday-Wednesday will be at 7:30 p. m.

The Rev. Floyd Eugene Sides, pastor of Christ Victor Lutheran church, Durham, will be the missionary. Pastor Sides is a 1962 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne college. He graduated from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, S. C., in 1966. Upon his graduation, he accepted a call from the Board of American Missions of the Lutheran Church in America to serve as a mission developer in the Research Triangle, Durham. He has guided the congregation there to organization, through the construction of an impressive sanctuary and educational complex, and into many areas of creative ministry to the community in which the church is located. Pastor Sides serves the North Carolina Synod as a member of the Stewardship Committee. He is actively involved in the community in which he lives.

"All members of our community are encouraged to participate in these services each evening, September 12-15. Join us as we celebrate the difference that Christ has made in our lives," said Rev. A. Glenn Boland, pastor.

GOP Precincts Meet Thursday

A joint meeting of East and West Kings Mountain Republican precincts will be held Thursday, September 16th, at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall.

Bob Maner, spokesman for the precincts, urges all members to attend the organizational meeting.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

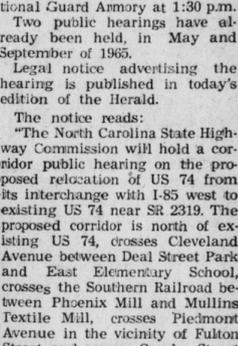
Rodney Dodson and Lem Lynch, partners in the Kings Mountain Mirror, new weekly newspaper, will be guest speakers at Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

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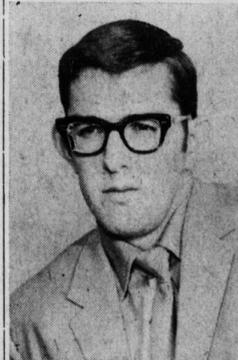
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MISSIONER — Rev. Floyd Eugene Sides, pastor of Christ Victor Lutheran church of Durham, will be evangelist for special services beginning Sunday at Resurrection Lutheran church.



SPORTS EDITOR — Gary Stewart has joined the Kings Mountain Herald as sports editor and assistant in the advertising and news departments. For five years a sports writer for the Gastonia Gazette, he has worked for several years on a part-time basis in the Herald sports department.