

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 14,900 population of Number 4 Township, and the remainder 6,124 from Number 3 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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City Traffic Signalization Projects Bids In Spring 1972

City Incumbents Terms Extended

1973 Elections Here Will Be In October

By MARTIN HARMON
Terms of office of vast majority of North Carolina city and town current administrations, including Kings Mountain's, were extended by legislation of the General Assembly implementing the state's new Constitution which became effective July 1.

Popular Government summarizes highlights of the new election law, and these apply to Kings Mountain:

1) All elections for municipal officers will be held in the fall of odd-numbered years. Persons elected in earlier years to terms otherwise expiring in the spring of 1973 continue in office until the persons elected in the fall of 1973 take office. The primary purpose of this change was to coordinate more effectively the election timetable with the budget timetable. Under present law most cities hold their elections in May. Thus the new officers must accept a budget immediately upon taking office, a budget they can affect only at the final stages of its preparation. With elections in the fall, the new officers will take office in time to influence the entire budget process.

2) Nonpartisan election, with a run-off. The election will be held on the fourth Tuesday before the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and the run-off, if necessary, will be on the latter date. Any candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast in the election is elected. If no candidate receives a majority, a run-off, only if demanded by the second-highest vote-getter, shall be held; otherwise the top vote-getter is elected.

Item 2 means that the regular city election will be held in October 1973, rather than May, and the run-off will be in early November, extending terms of the present administration by six months.

Popular Government does not report when elected candidates take office.

It does note that city commissions, as Kings Mountain does, can no longer double in brass as the city's board of elections. The city has the option of appointing a city elections board of three members or employing the services of the county board of elections. Either is responsible to the state board of elections.

Another change adds an hour to the voting day. Polls will still open at 6:30 a.m. but will close an hour later at 7:30 p.m.

Crescent Hill Property Re-zoned; Morgan Rules No Interest Conflict

Crescent Hill property on Oakland street was re-zoned by the city commission Monday night to permit construction of apartments.

The unanimous vote of the commission was made after Commissioner W. S. Biddix read a letter from the Attorney-General Robert Morgan in which he declared no conflict of interest in the favorable re-zoning recommendation of the city zoning board and fact that Fred W. Plonk, part-owner of the six acre tract, is chairman of the zoning board.

The attorney-general reviewed facts that while Mr. Plonk presided at the zoning board meeting, he took no part in the discussions and abstaining from voting.

Commissioner Biddix who had asked tabling until a ruling could be obtained, made the motion to re-zone and it was passed unanimously.

Several property owners had opposed the re-zoning, and it had been tabled since last April. Hal S. Plonk, other owner of the property, had told the board last month a maximum of 40 luxury-type apartments would be built in the area. He told the board Monday night decision on how many will be built initially

Saturday Service Over At Postoffice

The Kings Mountain Post Office is now closed on Saturdays. Assistant B. Frank Cox, assistant postmaster, said the new schedule went into effect two weeks ago. Formerly, the postoffice window was open from 8:30 until 12 noon. Mr. Cox said business didn't warrant the Saturday opening.

Mr. Cox reminded citizens that two outgoing mail services are being dispatched: at 2:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Formerly there was only one at 6 p.m.

Mr. Cox said the additional outgoing mail at early afternoon is speeding up service considerably. He said that area postoffices have been long operating on a 40-hour week schedule, from 8:30 until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Schools, Duplex UF 100 Percent

Kings Mountain's United Fund reporting was slow late Wednesday afternoon but Chairman Marvin Teer expressed high hopes of reaching the goal of \$34,500.

As of Wednesday, only \$15,000 in funds had been reported but Teer said several project chairmen had not reported their totals. "If we don't reach our goal," Teer said, "we'll come real close. If the people come through like they did last year, we'll reach it. I have high hopes that we will."

Approximately \$7,000 of Wednesday's total came from industry and Teer said that 15 to 20 companies still have not reported. Industry holds the key, Teer said, to whether or not the goal will be reached.

Other divisions which were included in the \$15,000 total were commercial, \$2,000; schools, \$2,000; advanced gifts, \$1,500; correspondence, \$500; and public employees, \$100.

Teer said schools was the only division which netted 100 percent of its goal.

Also reported was a donation of \$4,000 from Duplex. That total was \$1,500 over Duplex's donation last year.

The United Fund's goal of \$34,500 will aid 12 causes. Teer said all donations would probably be reported by next week.

TO MEETING

Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, is attending a Regional Commission meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Va.

Throngs Attend Woman's Club's 68th Festival

Thirteen paintings by newcomer Mrs. Opal Reading, several of which were blue ribbon winners at the county fair plus a freshly painted one featuring the W. T. Weir barn, were among outstanding exhibits by local people at the Woman's club community festival yesterday.

A "sold out" crowd of 205 visited the dining room at the noon hour and many others sampled the oyster and turkey dinners that evening.

Mrs. W. T. Weir, president, said the popular educational exhibits would remain open Thursday and Friday from 3:5 p.m. each day and issued invitation to all who didn't see the exhibits yesterday to take the opportunity to do so. Included in the mammoth showing of activities in the district schools are displays conducted by students and school personnel, along with slides, closed circuit television, and equipment used in the various programs.

A record number of entries are featured throughout the fair which had the theme, "Help Schools Bridge The Gap."

Decoupage by Joyce Wyte, paintings by young Perry Hambricht, acrylics by Bill Russell, an original of a cartoon published by Sandy Campbell, paintings by his mother, late artist Elva Campbell and her sister, Mrs. Virginia Hutcheson Danner; a collection of original candleholders by young Jason Pouchak; watercolor work by Mrs. R. M. Snow and Mrs. Julia Bryant, both of Mount Airy; and Japanese floral arrangements by Mrs. W. M. Gant are featured in the art division of the show which includes work by a number of young artists.

Mrs. H. O. Williams has on display her mother's burgundy wine wedding dress and slippers worn August 12, 1905 and Mrs. Delbert Dixon displays her white christening dress made by her late grandmother, Mrs. T. F. Fisher in 1900.

Clyde Lindsay has on display a six foot tall wooden gun cabinet. Least number of entries was in the floral division and Mrs. Weir said reason for lack of entries was Friday's storm. No roses were entered in this year's show.

The schools exhibit, which covers the entire auditorium area of the Woman's club, begins with an exhibit by the Early Childhood Education Center at Compact with "Strong First Steps To School Success". East school follows with a section on language arts featuring trees of homonyms, synonyms, and antonyms and drawings, books, and student papers. West students devote a section to mathematics, new and old methods with measuring equipment feature. Both areas students express art, music and extras in their division which also includes record players, auto harps, art supplies, tamborines, drums, etc. North school, which is beginning a vocational awareness program like Central and the high school, featured audio visual materials and teaching

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Harris Supports "No Fault" Plan

Water Line Bids Due Wednesday

The City of Bessemer City will open bids Wednesday at 2 p.m. on the Kings Mountain-Bessemer City water line. Clerk Henry Ormand said Wednesday. The line will enable Bessemer City to buy an initial 250,000 gallons of water daily.

The line will be joined to the Kings Mountain line serving Kings Mountain Industrial Park in the edge of Gaston County and will link with Bessemer City's line within the Bessemer city limits.

Joint engineers for the project are J. N. Pease & Associates and W. K. Dickson & Company, both of Charlotte.

Easley Resigns; To Albemarle

Rev. Charles Easley, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church since September of 1964, resigned his post Sunday to accept the pastorate of the First Lutheran Church in Albemarle.

Easley, married to the former Emma Lou Bossart of Arona, Pa., and the father of four children, came here from Center Grove Lutheran Church in Kanapolis. He has also served the Lutheran Church of Our Savior at Albany, Ga., and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lexington, S. C.

He has served Kings Mountain as president of the Rotary Club, president of the Ministerial Association and president of the Cleveland County Mental Health Association.

Rev. Easley graduated from Newberry College in 1953 and Lutheran Southern Seminary in 1958.

His oldest son, Chuck, is a freshman at Newberry College. His daughter, Ira Lou, is a student at Kings Mountain High and his youngest children, Bill and Penny, are elementary school students.

The Rains Came; Reports Vary

How much did it rain Friday night? J. C. Bridges, hardwareman, said he measured seven inches at his house on Hillside Drive.

Shelby airport recorded 5.11.

The waterline measured on a wall at John Gamble Football Stadium reached 24 inches, Supt. Donald Jones told the board of education members Monday night. Both the field and a fence was washed down.

Miss Bessie Bumgardner, owner of Bessie's Beauty Shop, reported considerable damage to her shop on York road on Saturday, customers washed their hair at home and came to the shop to have it set.

Kidney Transfer Patient Is Home

Mrs. Frances Green has been discharged from Charlotte Memorial hospital and is doing well, she said yesterday.

The Kings Mountain woman, who underwent a kidney transplant August 5th, still required treatment in the form of two vaccines for swelling twice a week. She says she is "happy to be home" and "wanted to thank everyone" for their many kindnesses during her long hospitalization.

The Frances Green Kidney Fund, launched by Dixon Community 4-H club to help defray costs of the expensive operation, is now \$2,073.56. This cash-on-hand figure doesn't include \$1000 already withdrawn and \$1000 from a carwash sponsored by inmates of the Shelby Prison Unit.

The fund drive is still continuing. Mrs. Green said the family's \$15,000 major medical insurance policy has been used for medical expenses during the six month's period she has required extensive treatment for a kidney ailment and subsequent kidney transplant.

He Would Vote To Bring Bill Out In Session

By MARTIN HARMON
State Senator Ollie Harris said Wednesday he will support consideration of a "no fault" automobile liability insurance bill in the special session of the General Assembly, opening Tuesday, if one is offered.

"I favor 'no fault' insurance," the Senator added. Senator Hargrove Bowles, of Greensboro, candidate for Governor will introduce a bill, it is presumed, on basis of his recent statements calling for the General Assembly to stay in session until Christmas, if necessary, to adopt a "no fault" automobile liability insurance law.

The special session was called to adopt, if possible, a new set of laws relating to operation of so-called "restructuring" the state's university management set-up.

Senator Harris doubts insurance revision program will be adopted in the special session, due to opposition of consideration of other than university "restructuring" by the speakers of House and Senate, Rep. Phil Godwin and Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor.

Senator Harris also thinks it quite possible "restructuring" won't be enacted and will be carried over to the 1973 General Assembly, with a "blue ribbon" commission named to make recommendations.

Schools Name Good Citizens

A total of 169 Kings Mountain district pupils were tapped as Good Citizens for the month of September, first month of school this term.

Students are selected on basis of: all A's on citizenship; C average in academics; good manners in school and school functions; cooperative attitude; happy and friendly disposition; respect and care for school property; interested in others and thoughtful and regard for rules and regulations.

They include: Early Childhood Education Center - Kent Roberts, Angela Curry, John Ross and Sophia Johnson, first grades; Barney Roberts and Barbara Vestal, second grade.

Bethware: Jerri Paterson, Jamie Yarbo, Mary Ann Burns, Jeff Champion, Danna Lynn Seism, Lloyd Henry Clark, Karen Dixon, Craig Bridges, Mary Ann Breakfield, Roger Camp, Kim Dixon, Dennis Caveny, Rita Beaty, Craig Mayes, Debbie Appling, Ronald Dobbins, Kim Whisnant, Allen Putnam, Patricia Patterson, Donald Bell, Sherri Sellers, Garry Bell, Janice Bolin and Monty Rhea.

Central Junior High: Jeff Jones, Elizabeth Eaker, Scott Broadnax and Sharon Preette.

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Connor Youth's Arm Not Broken, Says Jones; KMHS Rebel Flag Affray

Schools Supt. Donald Jones said charges made Monday to the board of education by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Connor that their son, Donald Connor, Jr. sustained a fractured arm in a fight at the high school September 29 and the incident denied by KMHS Principal Jake Atkinson had been clarified.

Mr. Jones reported results of investigation he made into the charges and following conference Tuesday with the student, his parents and the school principal.

He said: "According to records at the high school, Connor, Jr. checked out of school at 9:45 a.m. on Sept. 29 because he wasn't feeling well. The alleged fight took place about 10:37 a.m. during activity period and after a Confederate flag was removed from the school flagpole.

"The fight took place between Connor and a Negro boy, whom Connor said was not a student. The "outsider", according to Connor, was driving a yellow car with black vinyl top.

"Dr. Gary Mangrum of Grover said he made x-rays of the Connor boy's arm at Grover Clinic Sept. 29 and recalled him for more x-rays when he discovered the x-rays were not clear. Dr. Mangrum said the youth did not suffer a fracture of the arm.

"Donald, Jr. said he had been in an earlier fight at Shoney's in Gastonia. A boy hit me, he didn't return the blow."

"The boy's father and mother registered a complaint before the board of education Monday night in which they said their sophomore son was involved in a fight which included "eight or ten boys using belts" wrapped around their hands with the buckles ex-

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FORMER CITIZEN RECEIVES AWARD — Jack C. Owens of Charlotte, right above, former Kings Mountain citizen and husband of the former Joan Thomasson of Kings Mountain, is shown accepting an award at the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce awards banquet recently in which firms who have invested a million dollars or more in new buildings in Charlotte in the seventies were recognized. Owens is southeastern district manager of Peter Cooper Corporation, a synthetic adhesive manufacturer with Mecklenburg County division at Pineville their first synthetic adhesive plant. The Owens family includes two children, Luke, age two, and Kela, age four.

Two Rail Gates To Be Installed, Signals Up-Dated

By MARTIN HARMON
Kings Mountain's traffic signalization program should go to bid by Spring 1972, with construction and installation of signals to begin in the summer.

J. O. Litchford, state traffic engineer, said the signalization program is now in final planning and is ready for project consideration.

The projection follows a review of plans last week by David Webb and Landis Satterwhite of the highway commission's traffic engineering department, and Mayor John Henry Moss.

To the Mayor's telephonic inquiry of Mr. Litchford Wednesday, the engineer said it is possible a traffic signal light will be installed at the busy West King Street-Cansler Street intersection, if there appears to be undue delay in timetable for the total project.

The project includes installation of rail safety gates at the Gold and Mountain street crossings and improvements to traffic control systems at 14 intersections, including the new signal at King-Cansler.

The state highway commission will pay the full bill with exception of differential for metal poles, rather than wood, in the downtown area, and Southern Railway's ten percent contribution for the rail gates.

Compared to the present traffic signal system, the projected one is quite "sophisticated". Several of the intersections will have pedestrian controls, where a punch of a button by the pedestrian will stop traffic. Cross-walks will be well-marked.

Motorists stand to gain at many intersections by wider approaches and sidewalks.

Mayor Moss said there were only minor changes (his memory was two) from the original plan presented several months ago.

Phillips Building Eleven Houses

Phillips Development Company, Inc., of Gaffney, S. C., have purchased city building permits for the construction of 11 homes in East Kings Mountain.

Two of the residences are to be built on Groves street, nine on Northwoods Drive.

Cost of the residences are estimated at \$15,000.

Other permits: William Paul Bridges, 500 East King street, \$700 warehouse addition.

F. O. Carroll, 608 West King street, trailer permit, \$225. Zoning permit for trailer to Teddy Fox, Silver Dollar Trailer Park.

KIWANIS SPEAKER

Dr. H. C. Evans, Jr., president of Lees-McRae college at Banner Elk, will be guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis club. Dr. Evans is also chairman of the vocational guidance program for the Carolina District of Kiwanis International.

Rural Bridges Took Worse Licking From Friday Night's Long Storm

Over five inches of rain fell here Friday night, causing considerable damages in Kings Mountain and surrounding areas.

An electrical storm which forced postponement of the second half of the Kings Mountain-Shelby football game caused extensive damage to the city's electrical system. Power was out in the southern area of the city for several hours.

In the outskirts of the city, the heavy flooding caused considerable damage to bridges, bottom land, and roads. Several rural dirt roads were washed out and closed Saturday.

Secondary Road 2235, which runs from the Bethlehem church community to Grover, was closed Saturday as a result of the Long Branch Creek bridge being washed completely out.

near the Kings Creek bridge being washed away. Several passages along the bottom land of that road were washed away.

Secondary Road 2230, known as the Clearview Baptist church road in Grover, was closed until Tuesday. Two culvert fills were out and half of the road was washed completely out. The Buffalo Creek bridge between Grover and Earl was also washed completely out.

The road damage over the entire Cleveland County was estimated at \$90,000.

Inside the city, the most severe flooding was in the low lying areas of Landing, Bridges, Fulton and Hillside streets. Water at John Gamble stadium, the Long Branch Creek bridge being washed completely out.

Rural Road 2286 in the Dixon school community was closed Saturday as a result of the road

FARM BUREAU
The annual meeting of the Cleveland County Farm Bureau will be held on Thursday night, Oct. 28th, at Brackett's Cedar Park at 7 p.m. Awards will be presented to the "Farm Bureau Family of the Year" and "Young Farmer of the Year."