

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 1965, and includes the 14,800 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Supreme Court Hearing Appeal Of Double B Ranch

Pre-Thanksgiving Dance Is Slated

A Pre-Thanksgiving dance will be held at the Kings Mountain Community Center on November 20th with music by "The Magnificent" of Gastonia. The dance is under sponsorship of the Recreation Department. Dancing will be from 9 until midnight, said Recreation Director Roy Pearson.

Final Showings This Weekend

Final performances of the Agatha Christie mystery thriller — "The Mousetrap" — will be presented by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre Friday and Saturday evenings.

Curtain time is 8:15 in the auditorium of Park Grace school.

A total of 102 citizens attended the two opening performances last weekend and Little Theatre officials are hopeful this weekend audiences will be larger.

Mrs. Joe Ann Walker McDaniel is directing an eight-member cast in a story of intrigue which takes place in an English guesthouse on a snowy winter night.

Lead roles are being portrayed by Mr. and Mrs. Reb Wiesener who are the guest house proprietors in the family-rated play.

Other supporting roles are played by Mrs. Nan Jean Cant as "Mrs. Boyle"; Mike Muscat as Christopher Wren; Roger McCraw as Major Metcalf; Nancy Wiesener as Miss Caswell; Richard Dedmon as Mr. Paraviani and Joe Hullender as Detective Sgt. Lott.

All cast members have polished British accents and British setting and costumes add to the how.

In England "The Mousetrap" has enjoyed the longest run in theatre circles since opening there in November 1952.

"Shovel Coal To Start Fire"

"You've got to shovel coal to get the fire started," Irwin Belk, of Charlotte, governor of District 31-C Lions, told members of the Kings Mountain club Tuesday night.

Mr. Belk outlined civic work of the Lions Clubs of both district and state, giving particular attention to rehabilitation of the blind and participation in development of Boys Home of North Carolina.

He said that 12,500 citizens of North Carolina are legally blind and that "rehabilitation means rehabilitation." "They can out-bowl you and play basketball like Duke-Carolina," he continued.

He noted that Lions International is the largest civic club, with clubs in 146 nations — all of the free world. He added, "The Communist nations don't permit meetings like this."

He urged attendance of Kings Mountain Lions at ground-breaking ceremonies Thursday for a third cottage at Camp Dogwood, a blind rehabilitation facility, and for a Boys Home dormitory at Huntersville. International President Robert J. Uplinger is to take part.

ROTARY CLUB

State Senator J. Ollie Harris will give a report on the General Assembly for 1971 and also give some remarks on the special session at Thursday's luncheon meeting of the Rotary club at 12:15 at the Country club.

Funeral Rites For Roberta Wylie, 13 Years Missionary To Africa

Funeral rites for Miss Roberta Wylie, 65, of 1029 Elam Road, were held Sunday at 3:30 p. m. from First Wesleyan Methodist church of which she was a member.

Rev. Carl Sparks officiated at the final rites, assisted by Rev. Edwin Griscoe and Rev. Watson Black. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Miss Wylie, a retired missionary of the Wesleyan Methodist church, died at 9 a. m. Friday in the Kings Mountain hospital after seven weeks illness.

She served in Africa 13 years before her retirement in 1955. In lieu of flowers the family has designated memorials to the Women's Missionary Society of First Wesleyan Methodist church. Surviving are her stepmother,

16 Area Officers Finish 60-Hour Training Course

Sixteen area policemen recently finished a 60-hour police training school at Kings Mountain Community Center.

KM Police Chief Thomas McDevitt, Det. William Roper and Shelby Police Chief Barry Lee conducted the classes.

The 60-hour session was the completion of a 120-hour course which began last October, Chief McDevitt said.

"These officers came on their own time and furnished their own transportation," the chief added.

Chief McDevitt said a course is conducted here each year and after a two-week break, a specialized course will be offered.

McDevitt praised the officers for using their own time and expense to better their knowledge of police work.

"David Cox of our department had 305 hours of school last year," said the chief. "No one in our department has less than 275 hours of classroom training."

Officers completing the 60-hour course recently were Robert Ford of Bessemer City, Bill Broome of Kings Mountain, Phillip Witherspoon of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Jane Truelove of Shelby, B. D. Hollifield of Boiling Springs, George Hilton of Kings Mountain, Steve Philbeck of Shelby, Richard Belt of Kings Mountain, William Hargett of Belmont, Mike Criswell of Bessemer City, Danny Griggs of Shelby, Jerry Patterson of Shelby, Danny Wright of Shelby, James Baker of Belmont, John Hamrick of Belmont and T. B. Ballard of Kings Mountain.

Photo by Jim Belt.

Mrs. Lane's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ruth Beatty Lane, of 110 Waco Road, were held Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. S. W. Avery officiated at the final rites.

Mrs. Lane died Thursday morning at 2:15 a. m. in the Kings Mountain hospital. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Beatty.

Surviving are her son, Robert Earl Beatty of Kings Mountain; four brothers, Ben Beatty, Kings Mountain, Hunter Beatty of Gastonia, Earl Beatty of Hickory and Ken Beatty of Clover, S. C.; and three sisters, Mrs. Ann Self of Cherryville, Mrs. Pearl McDowell of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Ola Wells of Clover, S. C. Also surviving are two grand-children.

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Two Break-Ins; Tumlin Arrested

Kings Mountain police reported only two break-ins during the past week and, believe it or not, television sets were not the target of thieves.

The local department has had its hands full lately trying to track down TV thieves but small merchandise was the target of the latest entries.

Early Saturday morning, East King Phillips 66 service station was broken into and police arrested Vance J. Tumlin of 810 Second Street in connection with the entry.

Police charged Tumlin with breaking, entering and larceny about 1:30 a. m. Saturday. He was arrested a short distance from the station.

Officers said a small amount of merchandise had been removed from the station but all was recovered. Tumlin is being held in Cleveland County Jail under a \$500 bond while he awaits a hearing in district court.

Sunday night, thieves entered the National Guard Armory and stole two communications radios and three flashlights. An attempt to open the safe failed.

Police are still investigating that break-in.

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FINISH POLICE SCHOOL — Policemen pictured above recently completed a 60-hour police training school at Kings Mountain Community Center. The course was taught by Kings Mountain Police Chief Thomas McDevitt, KM Det. William Roper and Shelby Chief Barry Lee. Pictured on front row, left to right, are Lt. Robert Ford of Bessemer City, Ptl. Bill Broome of Kings Mountain Reserves, Phillip Witherspoon of Kings Mountain Reserves, Mrs. Jane Truelove of Shelby, B. D. Hollifield of Boiling Springs, George Hilton of Kings Mountain Reserves and Steve Philbeck of Shelby. Back row, same order, are Richard Belt of Kings Mountain Police Department, William Hargett of Belmont, Mike Criswell of Bessemer City, Danny Griggs of Shelby, Jerry Patterson of Shelby and Danny Wright of Shelby. Not pictured were James Baker and John Hamrick of Belmont and T. B. Ballard of Kings Mountain Reserves. (Photo by Jim Belt.)

Second Cansler Hearing Set; Trailer Park Bid Is Tabled

Commission Urban Renewal Hearing Set

The city commission Monday night formally called a second public hearing on the \$3.2 million Cansler Street area urban renewal project for December 6th at 7:30 p. m. at City Hall.

Redevelopment Commission Director Joe Laney told the board that "between now and date of the second hearing we will solicit the recommendations and comments of the city planning board."

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UF Drive Now At \$27,053

Kings Mountain's United Fund drive reached \$27,053.45 this week with industry turning in over \$2,000.

The new total is almost \$4,000 over last week's mark of \$23,107.

With several more divisions yet to report, United Fund officials are highly optimistic that they'll reach their original goal of \$34,500.

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Harris Funeral Needs Its Chairs

Some three weeks ago someone borrowed a dozen green metal chairs from Harris Funeral Home and the staff knows not whom.

The Harris staff would appreciate a telephone call and will send a truck for the chairs.

Holiday Bazaar Set Dec. 1

Annual holiday bazaar to be sponsored by Central Methodist churchwomen will be held on Wednesday, December 1, beginning at 2 p. m. in the church educational building.

Circle members are busy stitching holiday tablecloths and making a variety of Christmas ornaments in addition to other yuletide gift selections to sell at the bazaar.

Homemade cakes, pies and goodies will also be available and supper will be served from 5:30 until 8 p. m. Meal tickets are now on sale at \$1.75 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Advance tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Gwenevel Jolly or Mrs. Carl Mayes or any circle member.

My client," said Mr. Brown, "is spending considerable time and money and we would appreciate your speedy action on the matter."

Dover said the Brown plan meets the city's ordinances and requirements of the state board of health.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the board "would like to review the plans and view the site" before taking action. Dover furnished copies of the trailer park plans and asked that if the board viewed the site if action would be taken by the next meeting. Mayor Moss reiterated that decision would be made after the commission view the site.

Revival services are continuing through Sunday at 7:30 p. m. each evening at Bethlehem Baptist church.

Rev. Curtis Bundy, pastor of Ross Grove Baptist church of Shelby and former pastor of Oak View Baptist church, is the visiting evangelist.

Bill McDaniel is directing the song service.

Preliminary Hearing On Murder Charge For Geraldine Roberts, 27

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Points of Law Are Questions Put To Court

Appeal of Buford Cline and W. K. Mauney, Jr., trading as Double B Ranch on points-of-law questioned by appellants in Buffalo Creek area condemnation action by the city scheduled for hearing before the North Carolina Supreme Court Thursday morning at 10:30.

In the points-of-law litigation appellants question, among other items, right of the city to condemn their property to provide a water reservoir and necessity for the city to have an eight-foot belt of property above easement mean inundation by the reservoir at contour 735. The city's engineers contend the belt is necessary to assure no flooding of private property.

On similar questions in other condemnation actions, Superior Court judges have ruled in favor of the city.

Former Coach To Speak Here

Charlie Bryant, former assistant basketball coach at Wake Forest University under Coach Bones McKinney and former assistant to Coach Norman Sloan at N. C. State University, will be guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kiwanis club.

Mr. Bryant is now associated with First Union National Bank of Gastonia.

The program will be held at 6:45 p. m. at the Woman's club.

Phillips Buys Seven Permits

Phillips Development Company, of Gaffney, S. C., has purchased seven building permits for construction of residences on Northwoods Drive and Groves street in East Kings Mountain.

James A. Childers has purchased a permit to build a seven-room residence, estimated to cost \$30,000, on Marion street.

The Phillips Company permits: Corner Groves and Northwoods, seven-room, estimated cost \$16,000; 1300 Northwoods, six-room, estimated cost \$15,000; 1212 Northwoods seven-room, estimated cost \$16,000; 1204 Northwoods six-room, estimated cost \$15,000; 1100 Groves, six-room, estimated cost \$14,800; 1308 Northwoods, six-room, estimated cost \$14,300; 1107 Groves, six-room, estimated cost \$14,800.

Guard General Urges "Re-Ups"

"The National Guard is a family proposition as was the militia before us," Major General Ferd C. Davis, adjutant-general of the North Carolina National Guard said here last Thursday night.

The General urged guardsmen to re-enlist when completing their statutory six-year terms.

He declared, "The church doesn't take you for just six years, nor does the marriage vows of any religion."

He continued, "I want one year for the six we gave you during your statutory six years."

The General referred to the Battle of Kings Mountain, pointing out that the Mountain Men came down from the hills and mountains because they had been threatened by enemy forces.

"They fought to protect their families and their homes," he related.

"This nation has its troubles, but the United States of America is still the greatest nation the world has ever known and we want it to stay that way."

Mrs. Davis preceded her husband on the rostrum, urged views of guardsmen, many of whom were present, to participate in activities of the unit.

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Rufus L. Plonk Rites Conducted

Dairyman Succumbed November 4

Funeral services for Rufus Lawrence Plonk, 84, were conducted Saturday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Mr. Plonk, prominent dairyman, died at 6 o'clock Thursday morning at Kings Mountain hospital. He had been in ill health for a year and seriously ill for several months. He had entered the hospital on October 18th, his 84th birthday.

Rev. Charles Easley, the pastor, conducted the final rites. He characterized Mr. Plonk as "a man who worked with the earth" and as a "meek man." Meekness by Biblical definition, said the pastor, implies "power blended with gentleness."

Mr. Plonk was a member of St. Matthew's church, a former member of the county board of education, and former Farm Security Administration (now Farm Home Administration) county committeeman. He was a 1910 graduate of Lenoir Rhyne college.

His parents were the late William Lafayette and Regina Ware Plonk.

Surviving are his wife Kathleen McGill Plonk; a son, William Lawrence Plonk; and four daughters, Dr. Martha Plonk, Corvallis, Oregon, Mrs. L. J. Morris, Signal Mountain, Tennessee, Mrs. J. T. Sutton, LaGrange, and Mrs. Timothy Gladden, of Kings Mountain.

Also surviving are a brother, William Luther Plonk, Kings Mountain, and three sisters, Dr. Lillian Plonk, Asheville, and Mrs. M. L. Harmon, S. C., and Mrs. Mary Lovell, both of Kings Mountain. Seven grandchildren survive.

Interment was in St. Luke's Lutheran cemetery.

Pallbearers were Hal S. Plonk, Dr. George W. Plonk, John O. Plonk, Carl F. Mauney, Fred Finger and Martin Harmon.

Attic Sale Is Continuing

Central Methodist churchwomen are continuing their attic sale this weekend — on Friday and Saturday — in the building formerly occupied by Ken's Snack Shop on West Mountain street.

Doors will open at 10 a. m. both days and a good selection of used clothing for men, women and children are on display and available to the public at bargain prices.

Representing the Post 155 Auxiliary at the Friday evening and Saturday sessions was Miss Elizabeth Stewart, auxiliary president. Accompanying Miss Stewart was Mrs. Margaret Greene of Stanly, fifth division president.

Local Group To Conference

Seven Kings Mountain area people attended the fall conference of the American Legion and Auxiliary at Hilton Inn, Greensboro, during the weekend.

Representing the Legion Post 155 at sessions of the American Legion were Carl V. Wiesener, Joe H. McDaniel, Jr., Bob Davies, John W. Gladden and Carl Wilson. Mr. Wiesener is a candidate for fifth division commander.

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Re-zoning Requests Indicate Two Shopping Centers Projected Here

Four tracts of land totaling approximately 33 acres may become two shopping centers if re-zoning requests are approved.

One of the two requests—that of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Caveny—was approved by the city board of commissioners, following public hearing Monday night.

The second request by heirs of Marvin and Ada Goforth was forwarded to the zoning board and will be returned to the city commission after their recommendation.

Mr. Caveny stated in his request that he expects to build a decorative fabric and upholstery shop on the York road site — which includes two tracts totaling 17 acres.

Caveny, who operates Caveny Fabric Shop on Mangrove road and is opening Kings Mountain Upholstery on Battleground avenue, said a Charlotte developing firm has taken an option on one of the tracts — some eight acres — to build a small shopping center. Caveny says he plans to locate

his fabric shop on the other tract, facing Interstate 85 near the Royal Villa Motel. He said it was his understanding the Charlotte firm had already signed several leases but was not aware of what firms would be located in the center. He speculated a supermarket and drugstore would be included.

Mayor John Henry Moss reported to the city board Monday night that Garrison Goforth and his sister, Miss Mae Sue Goforth, have asked rezoning of the Marvin Goforth property on Shelby road from R-20 to General Business be used for shopping center purposes. The two tracts of land total nearly 16 acres and this property is located on the north side of U. S. 77, west of Kings Mountain. Some portions of the property is contiguous to the city limits.

Mr. Goforth, contacted by the Herald yesterday evening declined to comment on his plans for use of the property.