

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 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,924 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Eighty-Third Year

PRICE TEN CENTS



CROWDS ATTEND BANK OPEN HOUSE - First Citizens Bank & Trust Company moved into a new banking house Monday and crowds attended the dedicatory rites and toured the building.

Throngs Attend First Citizens Opening Party

Large throngs of visitors inspected the new First Citizens Bank & Trust Company building Monday evening. Rev. Charles Easley, former pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, prayed the invocation and Mayor John Henry Moss spoke, commending the bank on its long history of progressiveness.

Harold Sumner, vice-president in charge of the Gastonia branch, thanked Kings Mountain area citizens for their support since First Citizens opened here in 1966. Mylntyre, manager of the Kings Mountain branch was master of ceremonies, and local bank employees and directors were hosts, as visitors toured the two-story building.

Text of the Mayor's speech: "First Citizens Bank and Trust Company and its predecessor, the Bank of Smithfield, have been proving their philosophy of willingness and desire to be of genuine service to the citizens since 1898.

"In the Fall of 1957, the three young Holding brothers from Smithfield inherited the leadership of the First Citizens Bank, with its assets of \$220,000,000, from their father, Mr. R. P. Holding, Sr., who had been praised by allies and competitors alike as one of the State's greatest banking personalities of all time.

Local Elections To Continue Local Board To Name Three-Member Elections Body



OFFICER OF MONTH - Mrs. Dorothy Howell is "Police Officer of the Month," the honor voted by the Kings Mountain Woman's club.

Mrs. Howell Officer Of Month

Dorothy Howell is Kings Mountain's police officer of the month for the month of January. Mrs. Howell, a native of Gaston county, joined the force in March of 1970 and has since served as secretary to the department as well as jail matron and school crossing guard.

A graduate of Gastonia high school, Mrs. Howell lived in Maryland for 13 years and worked as an orthodontist before returning to Kings Mountain. She and her husband, Ray, have three children, two boys and a girl. They are members of Temple Baptist church.

METHODIST TOPIC "First and Only Christian Message" will be the sermon topic of Rev. N. C. Bush at Sunday morning worship service at 11 o'clock Sunday at Grace Methodist church.

Home S & L Had Record Year - New Building For Bessemer Branch

Home Savings & Loan Association has let contract for a new building for its Bessemer City branch. Thomas A. Tate, executive vice-president told shareholders at Tuesday's annual meeting. The new building will be located on Virginia avenue and the builder is Laxton Construction Company, Charlotte. It is anticipated the new building will be occupied in June.

Highlights of his report for the year ending December 31: 1) First mortgage loans increased \$1,839,089, up 1.58 percent to \$13,501,499. 2) Total assets increased \$2,228,208, up 11.67 percent to \$15,551,469. 3) Savings and investment accounts increased \$2,165,931, up 11.81 percent to \$14,133,563. 4) The association has 5910 savings accounts. 5) Dividends paid totaled \$674,798. 6) Earnings for the year were \$128,627, with \$92,627 added to reserves.

Colonial Arms Apartment Work Starts Thursday

Construction will begin Thursday on Colonial Arms Apartments on Landing street. The Bridges Contracting Co. said Wednesday. The firm will put out footings for 12 units of the projected 21-unit \$200,000 apartment development on a 2.11 acre tract purchased from Archibole Mines, Inc. Plans call for townhouse style, two-bedroom units, each two floors with one and one-half baths, all appliances at carpeted throughout living and bedroom areas. Mr. Bridges said the apartments will rent for approximately \$150 per month. A swimming pool at park area is projected. Mr. Bridges said his firm will own and manage the apartment development. "Our firm has been active in the home-building field in Kings Mountain and we look forward to entry into the apartment phase of Kings Mountain residential housing," Mr. Bridges stated.

Auto Mechanic Grigg Retires

Glenn Grigg, veteran Kings Mountain automotive mechanic, retired January 1. He and Frank Hamrick, with Mr. Grigg for the past six years, announced Monday Wednesday that the business located on West Mountain street will continue to be operated as Grigg Garage under the management of Mr. Hamrick. "I appreciate very much the patronage accorded Grigg Garage over the years and the accompanying friendships established," Mr. Grigg said. "I convey to Frank Hamrick my appreciation for his considerable aid during the past six years and my best wishes to him in continuing the operation of Grigg Garage." Mr. Grigg spent 45 years in automotive service work, starting with B. H. Thompson, in Shelby in 1926, and joining B. H. Cline, Hudson-Exeter dealer, in 1929. Mr. Grigg came to Kings Mountain with the late G. W. King Garage in 1930 and, he adds, "I've been here ever since." Mr. Grigg opened his own business in 1944 and rejoined Mr. King in 1950. Following Mr. King's death in December 1953, Mr. Grigg purchased the business in April 1954. About retirement, Mr. Grigg comments, "After 45 years in the business, I'm not looking for too much to do." There'll be some catching up on minor repairs at home and "maybe some visiting."

Mr. Hamrick began automotive service work with Mr. King in 1942, spent 1943-46 in army ordnance as a master sergeant in the Pacific Theatre of Operations on Guadalcanal, the Philippines and Japan. On discharge, he became service manager of Reynolds Motors, then rejoined Mr. King from 1952-59. He spent five years as a salesman for Blue Plate Foods, Inc., a brief tenure with Plunk Oil Company, when joined Mr. Grigg in 1965. "I am glad of the opportunity to continue operation of Grigg Garage. I pledge complete continuance of the type of quality repair service patrons enjoyed with Mr. King and Mr. Grigg," Mr. Hamrick said.

Mrs. Grigg is the former Mary Ormand. Their son, Glenn Grigg, Jr., is a traffic safety engineer with the State Highway commission in Raleigh. Mr. Grigg is a member of Central Methodist church, a former Lion and was a volunteer fireman from 1934-47. Mrs. Hamrick is the former Helen Patterson. Their children, Mrs. Frankie Webster and Mrs. Ann Goodson, live here. Mr. Hamrick is a member of Patterson Grove Baptist church, and the Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department. He is twice a past president of the Bethware Progressive Club.

In other actions: the board: 1) Accepted bid of Central Ford Truck Sales, Charlotte, for a chassis for a fire truck at \$9393.68 plus \$57 for a ramp-air build-up device, low to GMC Truck and Coach Division's (Charlotte) of \$10,661. Ford bid \$10,528.10 on a (Continued on Page Eight)

Hinnant Commission Filee; Falls, Tucker, Turner Run

ACTION, Inc. Phone Counseling Calls Increasing

ACTION, Inc. is a telephone counseling service for persons with emotional and other problems who need help. So Tommy Plunk and Bob Hull, lender, directors, developed the local organization - modeled after CONTACT - which was organized last summer, the two told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night. Business of the volunteer counselors (directors are not) has been increasing in November the counselors had 230 calls, more in December and to date in January 353.

Penalty On Taxes Goes Up Tuesday

Penalty of two and three-fourths percent applies on unpaid 1971 tax bills February 1, City Clerk Joe McDaniel reminded city taxpayers yesterday. January collections were \$9,085.00 bringing to a total of \$242,683.48 the amount in 1971 city tax bills Kings Mountain taxpayers have poured into city coffers. These payments represent 73 percent of the total levy of \$328,305, and 76 percent of the \$318,590, the city anticipates it would receive in revenue from this source during the current fiscal year. Penalty increases by three-fourths of one percent in subsequent months until tax bills are paid, said Mr. McDaniel.

Legion Books "Laredo" Band

"The Laredos" will provide music for Saturday night's American Legion dance for Legionnaires and guests. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. until midnight at the American Legion building.

Estimated 200 Youths Register

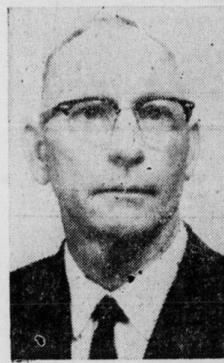
The pool of new voters in Cleveland County - created by the federal and state governments - lowering the voting age slightly to date, with an estimated 200 in the 18-20 age group having registered to date. This is the report of Mrs. Brenda Hamilton, secretary to the elections board, who maintains the now full-time elections board office at the county courthouse. Mrs. Hamilton said there has been a "good incidence" of registration among new citizens of the county over 21 years of age and said other citizens are registering who have never registered before. Mrs. Hamilton's office is open Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Last day to register for the May 6 primary is April 7.

Carson Memorial Baptist Church Observes 20th Birthday Sunday

Carson Memorial Baptist church continued to grow. The following year a church building was erected and several years later it was covered with brick. Early in 1971 a \$50,000 renovation of the main auditorium was finished to accommodate the growing congregation. This also included the addition of Sunday school rooms, rest room facilities and office and two nurseries. Rev. Wayne Kirk continued as pastor of the church until August of 1954 when he left to go to Africa as a missionary. Rev. James Avey followed as pastor until 1959. Rev. Earl Shamon was pastor for two years followed by Rev. Charles Britt who pastored from 1961-1965. Early in 1966, the present (Continued on Page Eight)

Two Residential Permits Issued

City building permits were issued for two residences during the past week to: Alexander & Dixon (for Ralph Harrison) for a seven-room home at 509 Ellenwood Drive, estimated to cost \$22,697. W. Marion Dixon, contractor, and Jerry Westbrook, six-room residence on Wades Road, estimated to cost \$29,000. O. C. Penner contractor. Trailer location permit in the mile perimeter was issued to J. E. Queen, 1605 Shelby Road.



REP. ROBERT (BOB) FALLS N. C. House Candidate



L. E. (JOSH) HINNANT Commission Candidate



RALPH TUCKER Register of Deeds Candidate



J. DOCK TURNER Commission Candidate

Penalty On Taxes Goes Up Tuesday

71 Collections \$242,683 - 73% Of Total Levy

Brief Power Cut-Off Sunday Morning

Power service in Kings Mountain will be suspended briefly Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Duke Power Company has estimated the shutdown to be ten minutes at most, City Electrical Superintendent Earl Turbyll said.

Bloodmobile Here Monday

The Red Cross bloodmobile will return to Kings Mountain Monday for a one-day visit. Donors will be processed at the Community Center from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kiser's Rites Thursday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Thelma Violet Kiser, 68, wife of Otto Kiser, Sr., will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. from Macedonia Baptist church of which she was a member. Rev. L. D. Scruggs, assisted by Rev. James Graham and Rev. Clarence B. B. will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until the hour of service. Mrs. Kiser died at 7 p.m. Tuesday night in the Kings Mountain hospital where she and her husband had both been hospitalized with double pneumonia. A native of Cherokee County, S. C., she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Z. Sneed. In addition to her husband she is survived by one son, O. C. Kiser, Jr. of Gastonia; two sisters, Mrs. B. H. Bridges and Mrs. Milton Hope, Sr., both of Kings Mountain; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Whinnant Buys Washerette

R. G. Whinnant, owner of Whinnant's Appliance and Repair Service, has purchased Piedmont Washerette from its owner, Jim Reynolds, of Shelby. The purchase was effective January 15. Piedmont Washerette is Kings Mountain's oldest washerette in continuous operation.

Re-election Bids For Falls, Turner Register Tucker

L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, Kings Mountain banker, filed notice of candidacy Wednesday for the county commission. J. Dock Turner, Lawndale surveyor, filed for re-election as a county commissioner. Ralph J. Tucker filed for re-election as register of deeds, State Representative Robert Z. Falls announced he would seek a fifth term in the House. All are Democrats.

These were the political developments of the past week. Rep. Falls' announcement brings to three the number of candidates for the three seats allotted to the Cleveland-Rutherford-Polk House district. Rep. Robert Jones, of Rutherford, seeks re-election and the other is Earl Owensby, of Cleveland. Rep. W. K. Mauney, Jr., announced last week he would seek a Senate seat in the new Cleveland-Gaston-Rutherford-Lincoln district, allotted three seats. Senator J. Ollie Harris is retiring. Mr. Hinnant, who has served as chairman of the Kings Mountain industrial committee, received his B.A. in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Vice-President of First Union National Bank of Kings Mountain, he worked for several banks in several North Carolina communities before coming to Kings Mountain. Mrs. Hinnant is the former Virginia Summers and they are parents of two children. They are active in St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Hinnant said, "It basically boils down to the fact that the people in the Kings Mountain area need representation. I have the time and energy to serve and I feel a desire to serve the people of Cleveland County. I know all the commissioners on the present board and I like them. I have no axe to grind." A graduate of The Citadel, Mr. Falls is a farmer. He seeks a fifth term in the N. C. House. Mr. Tucker, who seeks a third four-year term as Cleveland County Register of Deeds, is a resident of No. 6 Township and is a member of Elizabeth Baptist church. He is president of Gideons International of Cleveland County. "My pledge to the people in 1964 still stands good for the next four years and that is to serve all the people of Cleveland County with respect and courtesy, to fulfill the office on a state level by meeting the requirements as directed by our North Carolina Association of Registrars of Deeds."

"I challenge each one who has moved to Cleveland County since the last election and those that have reached the voting age to find your way to the registration room in the Courthouse, register and exercise your rights by vote." (Continued on Page Eight)