

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 14,980 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,934 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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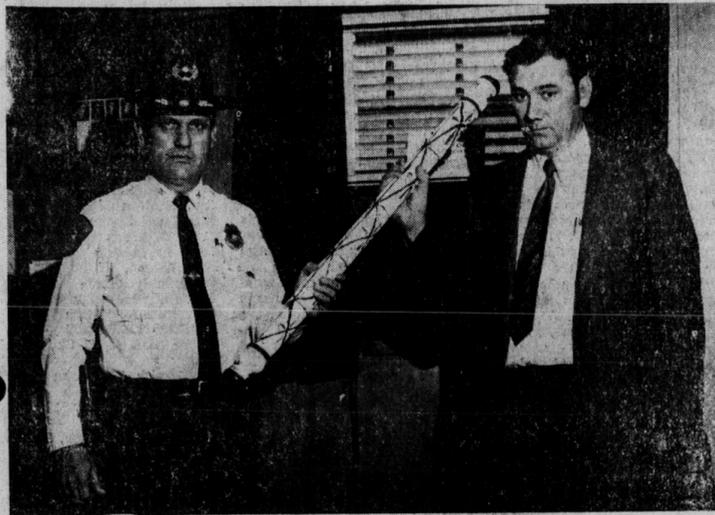
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WHERE HASHISH WAS — City police chief Tom McDevitt, left, and Lt. David Corn show wall rug in which hashish was found last Thursday following a high speed chase involving Corn and Forrest Wayne Wright, 22, of Route 2. Wright is facing a Feb. 23 hearing in connection with the hashish raid which is said to be the biggest ever in North Carolina. (Photo by Jim Belt)

Ex-GI Forrest Wright, 22, Charged In Narcotics Case



WINS PROMOTION — Willard (Pete) Johnson has been promoted to department manager of the Carding Department at Craftsman Yarns where he has been employed for three years as second shift supervisor of Spinning and Winding.

\$80,000 Haul Is Captured In Run-down

Forrest Wayne Wright, 22, of Route 2, Kings Mountain, facing several charges connected with a drug haul last Thursday, will receive a preliminary hearing Feb. 23 in district court in Shelby.

City police have charged the Army veteran with possession of drugs for purpose of sale, possession of and transporting illegal drugs, failure to stop for a blue light and siren, reckless driving, and speeding in excess of 115 miles per hour in a 45 zone.

Wright was arrested Thursday afternoon after leading Lt. David Corn on a chase which began in downtown Kings Mountain and ended when the two wrecked in Grover.

According to chief of police, Tom McDevitt, Corn and Ptl. Johnny Belk attempted to block Wright, who was driving a Pontiac GTO, on King Street. However, McDevitt said, they were unable to do so as two tractor-trailer trucks got between the officers and Wright.

McDevitt said Wright, who was going east on King Street, turned south onto Gaston Street and proceeded to East Gold. There, he turned east and sped to Highway 161.

Corn said as Wright was traveling east on Gold Street, he threw several small packages out the window. Chief McDevitt said the police later found the "15 to 20" small packages of hashish.

Corn chased Wright south on Highway 161, then south on Interstate 85 and said he clocked Wright's car at 115 miles per hour on both roads.

Near Grover, Wright left I-85 and led Corn on a chase down Highway 29. As Wright entered the Grover town limits, Corn said he veered into the left traffic lane and attempted to cross the

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CITY MANAGER — Robert (Bob) Cox assumed new duties Tuesday as City Manager of Bessemer City.

Bob Cox In New Post

Robert G. (Bob) Cox, former executive secretary of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, assumed new duties Tuesday morning as city manager of Bessemer City.

Cox, 42, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, will receive an annual salary of \$12,000 and succeeds Sam Howard who resigned January 6.

Cox was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor during the 1971 elections. He was the Chamber of Commerce director of Jobs '70 and resigned recently when that program was not funded for another year.

The Cox family expects to move to Bessemer City at the end of the school term in June.

Son of Assistant Postmaster B. Frank Cox and Mrs. Cox, he is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school and attended the University of Omaha. He is married to the former Betty Howard and they are parents of four children.

Democratic Race For Commission

Senator Jordan KM Visit Friday

Public Invited To Greet Senator At City Hall

United States Senator B. Everett Jordan will visit at City Hall here Friday at 3:45 p. m., according to joint announcement by Clyde Nolan of Shelby and J. Lee Roberts of Kings Mountain.

Sen. Jordan will be en route to Poikville where he will address the Upper Cleveland Chamber of Commerce at a 7 p. m. dinner meeting. Area Democrats are being invited to attend the meeting at Brackett's Cedar Park.

"We invite local citizens to come to City Hall to greet Senator Jordan," said Mr. Roberts. Born in Ramseur, N. C., Senator Jordan, 75, of Saxapahaw, a Democrat, was first appointed to the U. S. Senate April 19, 1958 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. Kerr Scott. He is currently serving as the chairman of the important Senate committee on rules and administration and as vice chairman of the Joint committee on the Library of Congress, in addition to other committees.

Senator Jordan married the former Katherine McLean of Gastonia Nov. 29, 1924 and they have three children. He is a former chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee and was Democratic National Committeeman from North Carolina. He served with the Tank Corps of the U. S. Army with the occupation forces in Germany in 1918-19 and organized Sellers Manufacturing Co. in 1927 and has served as secretary-treasurer and general manager since. He holds an honorary LL.D. degree from Elon college. He was Alameda County Man of the Year in 1955 and is Methodist. He is a trustee of Duke University, American University and Elon college.

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Hayes "Tackles", Dislocates Elbow

City police officer Bob Hayes got in a little running and "tackling" practice Monday night and has a dislocated elbow to prove it.

Hayes stopped an automobile on King Street and when he began questioning two suspects, they ran. Hayes decided he'd run them down. He tried to tackle one, but missed, and dislocated his elbow.

Other officers came to his rescue, took him to Kings Mountain Hospital for treatment, and later captured the two men.

A Hendersonville man, 38-year-old Kenneth Rogers, was charged with driving under the influence, driving with an expired license, speeding 45 in a 35 zone, violating the prohibition laws and resisting arrest. The other suspect was a juvenile.

Josh Hinnant On Bowles Team

L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, who sometimes has described himself as a "Wake county plowboy transplanted to Cleveland county," will serve as coordinator of Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles gubernatorial campaign in the Kings Mountain area.

Now vice president of First Union National Bank in Kings Mountain and one of the city's biggest boosters, he was appointed to the coordinator's post by the Democratic candidate and by R. Patrick Spangler of Shelby, one of Bowles' state campaign managers. He'll be working with Bowles' other coordinators in Cleveland county — Tom Camp, Horace Ledford, Mrs. Donald Crawley and Mrs. Fred Flowers.

"Hinnant has been dedicated to helping Kings Mountain grow," Bowles said, "particularly in attracting new and diversified industry and jobs. We're delighted that he has volunteered to help us in the campaign and feel that his experience and judgment will contribute greatly to our efforts."

Hinnant's interest in industry and the economy dates back to "growing up in the depression" and the family farm near Winstead. His accounts of those days include one of the year the family crops brought only \$357 and the family of five youngsters had to wait to the last moment to buy winter shoes.

Hinnant went on to receive a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1948. He worked with the Security National Bank (now NCNB) in Raleigh and was on loan to branch banks all over the state. He was associated with the First National Bank here until its merger with First Union in 1963.

After his moving to Kings Mountain, Hinnant volunteered to serve on an industrial committee for the city, and has been instrumental in attracting new industry to the area while working with the old to achieve a thriving economic climate.

He also has been very active in local civic, charitable and educational activities.

Mrs. Hinnant is the former Miss Virginia Summers, a Kings Mountain native.

Shareholders Meeting Tuesday

Shareholders of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association will gather for the annual meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. in the association offices at 300 West Mountain street.

Business of the meeting will include annual reports of officers and election of directors.

Mrs. Ruby H. Baker is secretary-treasurer of the association and Joseph R. Smith is executive officer.



SEEKS SENATE SEAT — Rep. Jack Rhyne of Belmont became a candidate Wednesday for a seat in the new 25th Senatorial district.

Goforth, Dodd, Hubbard File; Rhyne For Senate

Political activity proved warmer than the weather during the past week, producing a Democratic primary contest for the county board of commissioners and another candidate for the state senate.

Filing for county commissioner were incumbent Robert Hubbard, completing his first term, former commissioner Coleman W. Goforth, and W. H. Dodd, retired principal of Waco high school.

State Representative Jack Rhyne, of Belmont, became a candidate for the Gaston-Cleveland-Rutherford-Lincoln senate district. State Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., had previously announced his candidacy for a senate seat. Three seats are allotted this district. Senator Marshall Rauch of Gastonia is expected to seek re-election.

All the candidates are Democrats.

The candidates now seek the three county commission seats. The other two are incumbent J. Dock Turner and L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, Kings Mountain banker. Incumbent F. M. Rehead has not yet indicated whether he will seek re-election.

Hubbard has been a commissioner for four years. A Belwood dairy farmer, he is a member of Kadesh Methodist church. His wife is the former Lois Brackett and they are parents of three children, two girls and a boy.

"I will not make any promises I may not be able to keep just to get re-elected," he said. "But if the Cleveland county voters trust my judgment enough to put me back on the board, I will keep an open mind on all phases of local government and do what I think will benefit the people of Cleveland County now and in the future."

"We have been accused of dragging our feet on several issues, but I feel it is better to come up with the right answer a little late than the wrong answer early."

"I believe in the future of Cleveland as a growing county and with growth there will be problems, but with a board of open-minded commissioners working with other county officials and organizations we will be able to solve any problems we might have."

"We plan to let bids on the Cleveland jail and complex building in the near future and comply with state regulations" he

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Sisk Motion On Civil Docket

Sisk Funeral Home Owner Frank Sisk has made a motion for summary judgment against the City of Kings Mountain to recover damages he incurred in a case five years ago involving an improper burial.

The new motion is on the docket for the next two-week of Cleveland County Civil Court beginning Feb. 14th.

In 1967 Sisk was told by a court to pay \$10,000 in damages to Mrs. Virginia Grigg for damages resulting from the improper burial of her late husband, Zeb Grigg, whose grave had become exposed and whose body, in re-burial, was exposed to onlookers. After an appeal of the decision, Sisk settled out of court for \$5,000 in damages.

In his motion for summary judgment Sisk maintains that the city of Kings Mountain was, under contract, responsible for the burial and any negligence is thus the city's fault. The city of Kings Mountain was not a party defendant in the original case and has made no answer to the motion.

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CANDIDATE — Coleman Goforth filed yesterday for the county commission.

Murder Charge Is Dismissed

Second degree murder charges against Geraldine Roberts, Negro, were dismissed Tuesday in Cleveland County Superior Court by Judge J. W. Jackson for lack of evidence.

The defendant was charged in the death of Sidney Williamson, 22, of Shelby, on Nov. 5, 1971.

Dr. John B. Gentry testified that he performed an autopsy on the deceased and that the cause of death was a shotgun blast which penetrated downward into the abdomen in a nearly vertical line.

Capt. William Roper of the Kings Mountain Police Department testified that he saw the defendant and two other women at the scene of the shooting.

The state contended that the deceased was a large man and that his arms would not have been long enough to reach the trigger of the gun in order that he might shoot himself.

Judge Jackson dismissed the case explaining that the state had insufficient evidence linking the defendant with the alleged crime.

Permits Include Apartment Units

Bridges Construction Company, of Shelby, has purchased \$120,000 city building permit this week for construction of 12 apartment units on Landing street.

Two permits for new residences were issued.

Timber Lake Builders bought a permit for a six-room residence on Maner Road, estimated to cost \$21,950, and Kings Mountain Realty, Inc., a permit for a six room residence at 312 Almerst Drive, estimated to cost \$12,930.

Charles B. Bickley bought a permit for an addition to his residence at 1301 Wales Road, estimated to cost \$4550, Melvin Wright, contractor, and Norman McGill bought a permit for a one room addition to his residence at 606 West Mountain Street, estimated to cost \$500, Hoyle Construction Company, contractor.

Perimeter zoning permit for a garage and utility building at his residence on McGill road was issued to Tommy Yarbro.

Stockholders Meet Wednesday

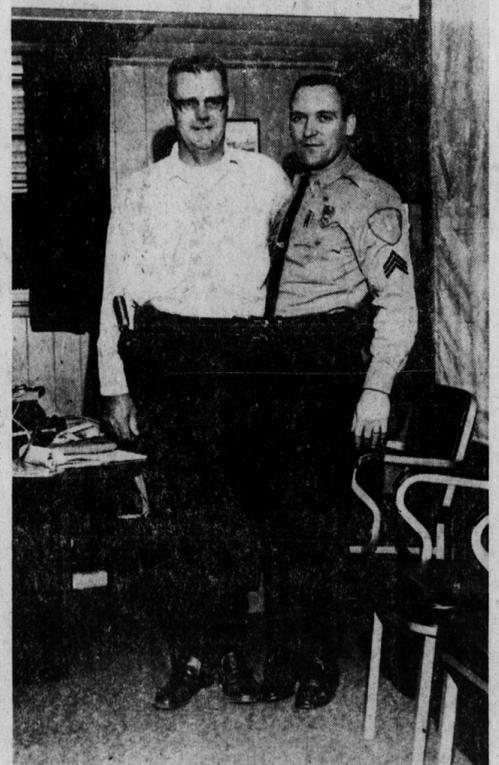
Stockholders of Kings Mountain Convalescent & Nursing Home will hold their annual meeting Wednesday night at 7 p. m. in the Community Room of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association on West Mountain street.

Immediately following, at 8 p. m. stockholders and officers of Kings Mountain Homes and Care, Inc. will gather for the annual meeting.

Kyle Smith In New Post

Kyle Smith has resigned his position as personnel manager at Duplex to accept a similar post at Craftsman.

At Duplex, Smith served as safety director in addition to personnel manager. At Craftsman, he will also serve as industrial manager.



TWO IN ONE — No, this isn't a two-headed man. It's two Kings Mountain police officers in a pair of pants, belonging to Jimmy Dickey Jr. of Kings Mountain. The size 52 pants were just the right size for officers L. D. Beattie, left, and Johnny Belk. (Photo by Jim Belt).