

Population

Greater Kings Mountain 31,914
City Limits 8,465

Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1960, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountains Township in Gaston County.

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Changes Made In Corridor Projection For 74 By-Pass

Map Is Posted Showing Route At City Hall

By MARTIN HARMON

The state highway commission is giving notice it is considering approval of a corridor location for the US 74 by-pass, the corridor varying from Alternate II formerly recommended and apparently alleviating some of the objections voiced by property owners at a public hearing on October 12.

The new corridor, as shown on an aerial map posted at City Hall, lies north of the Spectrum plant before moving in a south-westerly direction to cross US 74 and bisecting property of the M. L. Plonk heirs, just east of the Luther McSwain property. The corridor then proceeds west, south of Bethware school, traversing properties of James A. Matheny, Lamar Herndon and J. Warren Gamble to intersect with present US 74 east of the Buffalo Creek bridge.

There is no change in the corridor from take-off point at I-85 to Canler street.

Notice published in today's Herald by the highway commission follows:

"Notice is hereby given that the North Carolina State Highway Commission is considering the approval of the corridor location of US 74 from its intersection with I-85 west to a point near SR 2319. The corridor is north of existing US 74; crosses Cleveland Avenue between Deal Street Park and East Elementary School; crosses the Southern Railway between Phoenix Mill and Mullins Textile Mill; crosses Piedmont Avenue in the vicinity of Fulton Street and crosses Conster Street in the vicinity of Brice Street; crosses Waco Road following the alternate north of the Spectrum Plant, crosses SR 2034 and follows a combination of Alternate I and Alternate II as presented at the hearing, crossing SR 2037 north of SR 2036 crossing US 74 south of Bethware School lying into US 74 near SR 2319.

"An aerial map setting forth the above is available for review and copying in the City Hall in Kings Mountain.

In the event the final Environmental Impact Statement dictates any change appropriate action will be taken."

City Sales Tax Share \$23,269

The city's share of the one percent local sales tax for the second quarter, reflecting Christmas season sales, totaled \$23,269.47, as compared to \$13,941 for the quarter ending September 30.

For the second quarter, \$22,935.24 resulted from Cleveland County sales, while \$334.23 came from Gaston County sales. The distributions are based on population and the Gaston County sales accrue from the fact that Kings Mountain is a two-county city.

The city budget anticipates sales tax receipts for the current fiscal year at \$59,340. Return of \$12,130 for the March 30 quarter would mean the budget figure is equaled.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Baxter Wright Sr. remains a patient in the Kings Mountain hospital where she was admitted for observation and treatment.

Funeral Rites Conducted Monday For Mrs. Brenda Bryant Shockley

Funeral rites for Mrs. Brenda Bryant Shockley, 24, wife of Danny Shockley, were conducted Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Temple Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. Frank Shirley, assisted by Rev. Sam Robinson, officiated at the final rites.

Mrs. Shockley died Friday night at 11:30 in Cleveland Memorial hospital at Shelby where she had been a patient since December 23 and where she had undergone four operations following complications from surgery. She had developed pneumonia in the second lung last Wednesday morning.

Results of an autopsy were not known yesterday.

She was the daughter of Mrs.

Eleven Seek Commission Seats, Five For House

Francis J. Burke Rites Conducted



RITE HELD — Funeral rites for Francis J. Burke were conducted Wednesday with High Requiem Mass from Christ the King Catholic church.

Former Manager Of Lambeth Rope Succumbs at 79

High Requiem Mass for Francis Joseph Burke Sr., 79, who died Monday, was celebrated Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Christ the King Catholic church of which he was a member.

A service of Rosary was conducted at the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home Tuesday evening.

Mr. Burke died Monday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after illness of three weeks.

Former manager of Lambeth Rope Corporation, he was vice president of Balfour Manufacturing Company of Lowell, Mass. and Charlotte.

A native of Holyoke, Mass., he attended Amherst college and a veteran of World War I. Before moving to Kings Mountain 19 years ago the Burkes lived in Charlotte. He was married to the former Miss Millicent Booth. Besides his wife he is survived by five sons, Richard Burke of Rockville, Md., James M. Burke of Hickory, Justin Burke and Francis J. Burke Jr., both of Charlotte, and Thomas F. Burke of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Keeter of Charlotte, Mrs. Alan Clem of Vermillion, South Dakota and Mrs. Joe Ries of St. Mary, Montana; and two sisters, Mrs. Leon Woerg and Miss Elizabeth Burke, both of Holyoke, Mass. Also surviving are 21 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mr. Burke's five sons and a son-in-law, Robert P. Keeter.

It's Not Ware Versus Hinnant

"I am not running against Josh Hinnant for county commissioner. I am running for one of three seats on the commission," Richard E. (Dick) Ware said Wednesday.

Mr. Ware said he wanted to "lay to rest" rumors to that effect.

"Josh Hinnant is both my banker and personal friend," Mr. Ware continued.

He and Mr. Hinnant are among eleven candidates seeking the three Democratic nominations.

Mr. Ware reiterated that his principal reason for seeking a nomination is the recent revaluation of properties for tax purposes.

"Property values were escalated from 40 to 100 percent, which is questionable in itself, but the members of the present commission have indicated they will cut the tax rate accordingly. If elected, there will be one of five votes to make that rate cut," he declared.

Fence Matter Solved In Simple Fashion

The zoning board of adjustment did not meet Wednesday evening, as scheduled, as the fence problem posed by Harold J. Phillips against the building inspector and Fields Young had been resolved.

Mr. Phillips, who lives at 905 Sharon Drive and is neighbor to Mr. Young's Georgetown Apartments complex, had appealed a decision of building Inspector Woodrow W. Laughter on a fence Mr. Young had constructed between the apartment complex and the Phillips residence.

Resolving the matter proved quite simple.

Mr. Young bought the Phillips residence.



UNOPPOSED — Senator Marshall Rauch, at left top row, Rep. W. K. Mauney, Jr., right, top row, and Rep. Jack Rhyne, bottom row, left, are all unopposed for the three at-large Senate seats from the 25th District of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford Counties. Incumbent Ralph Tucker, far right, below, is unopposed for register of deeds. Not pictured are the three unopposed incumbents seeking re-election to the county board of education, Superior Court Judge B. T. Falls, Jr., and Joe F. Mull, Oscar F. Mason, Jr. and Robert Kirby, unopposed for re-election as district judges.

Finger Is Potter Medical Scholar



MEDICAL SCHOLAR — Rick Finger, Kings Mountain senior student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is a Justin Potter Medical Scholar at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

Fred Eli (Rick) Finger, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Finger Jr. of Kings Mountain, has been awarded a \$12,000 four year scholarship to Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

A Morehead Scholar to the University of North Carolina, where he is a student, Finger is among five Justin Potter Medical Scholars for 1972 and is one of two from UNC, the other being his fraternity brother.

Established in 1963 by Justin Potter, Nashville businessman, industrialist and financier, the scholarship is an annual stipend to be continued for four years of undergraduate medical education. These scholarships recognize students with distinguished academic records who have demonstrated personal, professional and intellectual competence and potential consistent with the prediction that the students designated will form the nucleus of leadership in medicine as they develop their career.

From all applicants to Vander-

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William Avory Harmon Dies at 89; Funeral Services Thursday at 2

Funeral rites for William Avory Harmon, 89, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. from Temple Baptist church.

Rev. E. L. Murphy, pastor of El Bethel Methodist church, and Rev. Frank Shirley, pastor of Temple Baptist church, will officiate at the final rites, and interment will be in the El Bethel cemetery.

Mr. Harmon was found dead Tuesday morning in his bed of a heart attack. Assistant Coroner Bennett Masters said death was at 4 a. m.

A native of Cleveland county, he was the son of the late Alex-

ander and Rachel Fulton Harmon. He was a member of El Bethel church and a retired farmer and mechanic.

He was married to the former Mollie Huffstetler.

Other survivors include his stepdaughter, Mrs. Edna Coon of Bessemer City; one grandson, Howard Avory Grayson of Washington, D. C.; a stepgrandson, Robert Coon of Oxford, Ohio; two brothers, Marvin Harmon and Thomas Harmon, both of Gastonia; and two sisters, Mrs. Edith Goforth of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Wray Patterson of Dawson, Ga.

Thirteen Seek Governorship, Including Lady

North Carolina is assured of something new: three gubernatorial primaries.

Thirteen candidates are running for governor, the most ever. The largest previous crop—10—was in 1940.

Seven seek the Democratic nomination, four are Republicans and two are representatives of the American Independent Party.

The candidates are Lt. Governor Pat Taylor, Senator Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Reginald Hawkins, Nancy Roberts, Zebulon V. K. Dickson, Wilbur Hobby, Gene Leggett, all Democrats; Thomas E. Chappell, Rep. James Holshouser, Jim Gardner and Leroy Gossion, all Republicans and A. H. F. Pettit and Bruce (Gozo) Burdison, American Independent.

In the race for Lieutenant Governor are Benjamin McLean, American Independent; James Hunt, Roy Sowers, Allen Barbee, Reginald Lee Francis, Margaret Haeger, all Democrats; and Norman Joyner and John Walker, Republicans.

Only three incumbent members of the Council of State escaped without primary opposition. Twelve contenders entered the lists, including one man who admitted, "I just want the job."

That man was Democrat Louis M. Wade, president of Southern Coach Co. in Durham, who is running for Secretary of State.

Robert C. Folger of Dobson brought to six the number seeking the Democratic nomination to secretary of labor. The others are John Wardell Jr. of High Point, William C. Creel of Cary, John C. Brooks of Raleigh, Philip Ellen of Southern Pines and John Blanton of Raleigh.

One Republican, Frederick R. Weber of Lumber Bridge, also filed for Secretary of Labor. In 1970, Weber was a candidate for Congress.

Edley Hutchins of Black Mountain and L. W. Douglas of Maiden both filed as Republicans. Michael Murphy of Charlotte filed representing the American Independent Party.

They join six Democrats: Johnny R. Clark of Morganton, Russell Secret of Cary, George Belk of Greensboro, George Cherry of Raleigh, John Ingram of Asheboro and Cecil Duncan of Charlotte.

L. Norman Shroves of Granite Falls, a Republican, filed Monday for State Auditor to assure opposition to veteran incumbent Henry Bridges of Raleigh.

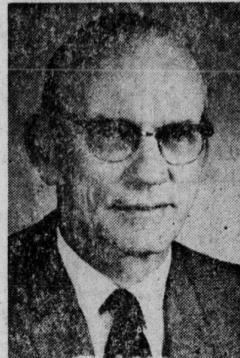
Louis M. Wade of Durham filed for Secretary of State as a Democrat, assuring a primary battle with incumbent Democrat Thad Eure.

Mrs. Grace Rohrer, a Winston-Salem Republican, will oppose the Democratic winner in the fall.

Incumbent Attorney General Robert Morgan, a Lillington Democrat, will face fall opposition from Chapel Hill and Kings Mountain Republican Nick Smith.

Jack Jurney of Durham filed Monday as a Democrat to oppose incumbent State Treasurer Edwin Gill in the primary. Republican Theodore C. Conrad filed to assure a fall battle.

Two Democrats filed as Democratic candidates for Secretary of Public Instruction, John H. O'Connell of Raleigh and Ruth B. Jones of Rocky Mount will oppose Democratic incumbent A. Craig Phillips in the primary.



HAL S. PLONK candidate for N. C. REPRESENTATIVE



JACK PALMER candidate for county commission



CLARENCE C. MELLON candidate for county commission



RALPH PHILLIPS candidate for 27th Judicial District Judge

Plonk and Hunt Out For House; Judge Contests

When the deadline for filing notices of candidacy passed at noon Monday, four more candidates had filed for county commissioner, and Hal S. Plonk, of Kings Mountain, and Dr. Jack Hunt, of Lattimore, had filed for the state House of Representatives, and contests had developed for two district judgeships.

No Republicans filed for office in Cleveland County.

Five candidates seek the three Democratic nominations to the House, including in addition to Dr. Hunt and Mr. Plonk, incumbents Robert Eason of Forest City and Robert Z. Falls, of Shelby, and Earl Owensby of Swayze.

Eleven candidates seek the three Democratic nominations for the county commission, including incumbents Fritz Marchant, Jr., Robert Hubbard and J. Beck Taylor, and L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, Jack Palmer, Richard E. (Dick) Ware, W. H. Dodd, Coleman W. Goforth, Clarence C. Mellon, Clay Stapleton and Dwight Fosmeyer.

Mr. Plonk, realty dealer and builder, who sought a seat in the House two years ago, said on filing:

"My interest in government continues.

"Two years ago I called attention to the sad state of affairs in automobile liability insurance in North Carolina and the situation has worsened, with continually increasing rates and arbitrary policy cancellations. A thorough examination of the 'no fault' principle, which has been fabulously successful in Puerto Rico and Massachusetts, is dictated.

"Quality education must be a continuing aim of North Carolina and I support more emphasis on vocational education at the grade school level.

"I will support appropriations to improve the quality of service at the state's mental institutions and in the drive to get narcotics on North Carolina's past-history list."

Mr. Plonk opposed Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr. of Kings Mountain, in the primary two years ago in a one-on-one numbered seat situation, which has been declared illegal by the courts. The contest this year will be a sweepstakes. Representative Mauney is an unopposed candidate for the state senate.

"I will work with Kings Mountain and Gaston county school officials to obtain what ever legislation might be necessary to eliminate the unworkable situation whereby in-city citizens of Kings Mountain who live in Gaston County must pay tuition to attend a Kings Mountain school within walking distance or see these children bused several miles daily to attend a Gaston school."

A native of Number 5 Township, Cleveland, he is son of Mrs. Ellen Patterson Plonk and the late Clarence Sloan Plonk. Reared on a farm, he played football for Kings Mountain high school before entering North Carolina State University at Raleigh, where he was graduated in 1934 with a Bachelor of Science degree in textile manufacture and a reserve commission in the army.

He spent the next seven years in textiles, with Callaway Mills, Manchester, Ga., and Cannon Mills, Kannapolis, until ordered to active duty with the army air force as a first lieutenant. His service until 1945 included duty in the European Theatre. He returned to Kings Mountain on return to inactive duty status to

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Mauney Changes Thinking: Annual Assembly Sessions Not Needed

State Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., state senate nominee, no longer supports annual sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly, he said in an address to the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Instead, the legislator said, he supports "reform" in the direction of full-paid staffs which would

do much of the leg work which the legislators now do themselves or depend on lobbyists to perform.

Rep. Mauney noted that the advisory budget commission, including the lieutenant-governor, speaker of the house, director of the budget and director of admin-

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