

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 1966, and includes the 14,890 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 8,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Cleveland Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Will First City School Law Solve Tuition Problem?

Regional Sewer Plant Envisioned

Mayor Urges Citizen Support For State Bonds

Mayor John Henry Moss Wednesday urged voter support of the May 6 statewide clean water bond issue after Monday inviting officials of Gaston and Cleveland counties and Bessemer City to arrange a joint meeting to discuss plans for a regional sewer plant.

Mayor Moss said passage of the May \$150 million clean water bond proposal would "go a long way in providing necessary funds to implement a regional system which state officials think feasible and economical."

He noted that the state bond issue will require no new taxes and will be expelleed over a five year period as matching funds for both local and federal appropriations.

Cleveland County's share of the bonds will be \$1,072,500 and Gaston's \$2,100,000. The clean water effort is two-pronged, involving new water and sewer disposal systems.

"Opportunity will be provided for cooperative development of the Kings Mountain area, enabling the City of Kings Mountain water committee to formulate plans for implementing a program for best use of the Kings Mountain water supply in bringing about economic development within the confines of best environmental guidelines," the Mayor said.

"We would be able to clean our streams and, with advanced techniques, develop ways to reuse the water now available. My hopes are that Kings Mountain can make water available to every citizen in the Kings Mountain area to bring about total development," he concluded.

The Mayor wrote the neighboring officials:

"The members of the City Board of Commissioners of Kings Mountain and I have spent a great deal of time studying the problems of waste water treatment. After extensive study, the Board adopted a resolution asking me to contact you with regards to setting up a meeting to discuss the feasibility of developing plans for a regional sewer plant.

"We are particularly interested in establishing a sewer plant to serve a regional area of Western Gaston and Eastern Cleveland Counties as it is related to the area between Bessemer City, Kings Mountain, and portions of Gaston County and Cleveland County in the Kings Mountain area.

"If a plan could be worked out to make such plants feasible, I think that the county and municipal areas to be served would realize tremendous financial savings and avoid the serious and complicated technical problems which all of us experience.

"We would appreciate hearing

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Fifteenth Annual Kiwanis Talent Show Thursday Night; 62 Entrants

A variety of entertainment by 66 Kings Mountain students will feature the 15th annual Kiwanis Schools Talent Show Thursday night at 7:30 in Central Junior high school auditorium.

Kiwanians have set a goal of \$3,000 to help provide a coronary unit for Kings Mountain hospital.

Trophies will be presented to the youthful winners.

Among the entertainers will be Anthony Keller who will sing "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"; Robin Pursley who will perform a baton routine; Kristal Huffstetter who will dance; Rebin Harry who will perform a baton and tap number; Cindy Penner who will tap dance and Beth Bates who will dance to "Jazzierina" in Division I for third and fourth graders.

In the Junior High School Division II, Randy Carthen will dance, Kim Harmon will play piano solo and Dwnda Lee

Building Permits Issued By City

The city issued building permits during the past week for a metal masonry shop building at Central school and for two new residences, as well as three others for repairs.

The permits:

Kings Mountain Board of Education, shop building \$20,098. Luke Hoyle, five-room residence at 302 Somerset Drive, estimated cost \$15,900.

Melvin Faucette, seven-room residence at 704 Marion Street, estimated cost \$26,000, Marion Dixon contractor.

J. Ollie Harris, for repairs to residence at 921 Sharon Drive, estimated cost \$800.

T. J. Ellison, for repairs to residence at 910 Church street, estimated cost \$350, Paul Morrow, contractor.

J. Howard Purley, for repairs to residence at 200 S. Waterson street, estimated cost \$400.

Grigg Chairman Of Cancer Drive

Alfred Grigg, consumer loan officer for first Union National Bank and Campaign leader for 1972 Cancer Crusade, announces a campaign goal of \$4,000.

Click-off for the drive here and throughout the county was held Monday.

Mr. Grigg said money received will aid local cancer patients as well as provide research into the dread disease which kills many people each year.

Chairman in the various divisions of the drive include: Larry Morrow and Joe Smith, business; Bob Webster, industrial; Mrs. John Cheshire, civic and fraternal; Mrs. James E. Herndon, Jr., memorials; Mrs. Mary Wade Smith, special gifts; and Mrs. Don Bumgardner, First Union officer, treasurer.

"We need additional people to help make this drive a success and invite anyone who wants to volunteer to help to contact me at First Union," said Mr. Grigg.

Mr. Grigg came to Kings Mountain from Gastonia's First Union National Bank three years ago. He is a director of the Merchants Association and active in the Rotary club. Mrs. Grigg is the former Adriane Woody and they live at 319 Scotland Drive. They are members of First Presbyterian church.

LUTHERAN TOPIC

"What is Permissiveness?" will be the sermon topic of Rev. Robert E. Allen at Sunday morning worship hour at 11 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

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Costner's wife said that by the time she got him to Shelby, a cataract had already formed behind the eye. A Shelby doctor operated Saturday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital but as yet Costner hasn't regained his sight.

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Pay Increase: Non-Teaching School Folk

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday directed Superintendent Don Jones to proceed with projecting a five per cent pay increase for school personnel normally paid out of local funds into the 1972-73 budget.

The increase involves maintenance, clerical, custodial and cafeteria workers.

The main reason for the increase, Jones said, was because all funds effective July 1 are subject to the state retirement fund and this had to be reflected in the new budget.

Final approval of the budget, when it is completed, will be up to the school board.

In other action at Monday's monthly meeting, the board:

1) Heard a report from Dean Westmoreland, chairman of the school policy committee, on Phase II of the committee's policy report;

2) Passed a resolution requesting the city board of commissioners to exclude the school system from paying for building permits. Jones said the schools had to pay \$115 for a building permit for a metal building at Central Junior High School before utility lines would be installed. Jones said it was the first time the schools had ever paid for a building permit;

3) Approved a supplemental Driver's Education budget for salaries only—to carry the program through June 31. The supplement raised the budget from \$15,879 to \$18,127.73.

4) Approved the tuition and salary schedule for summer school—the same as last year's. Tuition for students is \$40;

5) Approved student accident insurance policies with Pilot Life Insurance Co. The \$2.25 for teachers reflects a 25 per cent reduction and the \$2.50 rate for students is a 25 per cent increase. Twenty-four hour protection rates are \$16 per student and \$4.23 per teacher. Athletic protection is \$28.50 per player;

6) Approved the resignation of Kenneth Bridges from East School to North School.

Merit Award To Paula Moss

Paula Jean Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Moss of 106 Center street, has won a Certificate of Merit and a \$100 United States Savings Bond in the Firestone Scholarship awards program for 1972.

The Kings Mountain high school senior is among three Gastonia area high school students winning scholarships and merit honors. The 41 scholarship winners from throughout the country are all sons and daughters of Firestone employees. Miss Moss' father works in the carding department at the Gastonia plant.

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First Presidential Primary In State Is May 6: Here Are The Ground Rules

Democrats can vote only for Democratic presidential candidates in the primary, Republicans only for Republican candidates, third party members only for whatever candidate from their party might be running.

In a state of more than four party primary candidates, only those four polling the highest number of votes will be assigned North Carolina delegate votes at the national conventions. No candidate polling less than 15 percent of the primary vote will receive any delegate votes.

Each successful candidate in the presidential primary will be assigned convention delegate votes in proportion to the percentage of the total votes he receives from the electorate.

Delegates from North Carolina to the national party conventions will be chosen by their parties in the state conventions. On the first nominating ballot at the national conventions the casting of North Carolina's delegate votes will be automatic, that having been decided by the primary vote. The primary results are binding only on the first convention ballot—after that the delegates are free to vote as they—or the party leaders—see fit.

Casting Underway For Murder Flick

Wanted: Lady Motorcyclists For "Sign Off"

Reb Wiesener, 20, Gaston college student and radio disc jockey, aims to put Kings Mountain in the movies.

He has, in fact, written the script for a full-length motion picture and he and his three partners in the movie venture auditioned more than 200 people Friday and Saturday during auditions at Royal Villa.

The Four Fellows, Inc., which gets its name from the four partners in the film corporation, is optimistic that a premier of "Sign Off" will be forthcoming in June. "Sign Off," the brainchild of Wiesener and his disc jockey co-worker Jim Arp at Radio Station WKMT, is the story of life in a small Southern town and the family skeletons that come to life after a woman disc jockey is murdered. Kay Wiesener, wife of the director-author, has the lead female role. Arp plays a country music singer turned disc jockey.

Reb's older brother, Carl, Jr., 23, senior electrical engineering student at Gaston Tech and draftsman at North American Mills, is third partner and treasurer in the production company. He's the chief of police in the movie, and his band, "The Heavies," will be featured in nightclub scenes.

Fourth partner in the new business is Pete Floyd, who will also be one of the stars of the show. A cast of 277 people will be needed for "Sign Off" which is to be filmed here. Some of the scenes are to be shot at the local radio station.

There are about seven deaths in the movie, all with the element of surprise. Those not doomed may get parts as motorcycle gang-girls and members of a crowd or hostesses and customers in a "bad house" scene.

This flick is "not a dirty movie," say the promoters. Probably "R" because of the attitude.

Studio equipment and professional production help are on the way and backers have been obtained, says Wiesener.

Mrs. Carl Wiesener, mother of four of the stars, daughter, Nancy, two of the partners and daughter-in-law Kay, has been "starring" as Girl Friday at her home on Gaston street.

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Venerable Bonnie Mill Landmark Decimated For Re-Development

By MARTIN HARMON

Builders decimated a venerable Kings Mountain landmark this week—the office and store building of Bonnie Cotton Mills, Inc. on Cherokee.

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'05 Statute: All In-City Areas Are In District

By MARTIN HARMON

Will the first section of the first act relating to Kings Mountain School District solve the problem of in-city, out-of-county East Kings Mountain citizens now charged \$50 per year per child who attend Kings Mountain schools?

Everyone concerned hopes it will.

The provision, Section 1 in "An Act to Establish a Graded School in the Town of Kings Mountain" and ratified by the General Assembly 67 years ago on March 6, 1905 reads: "That all the territory embraced in the incorporate limits of the Town of Kings Mountain shall be and is hereby constituted the Kings Mountain Graded School District" for white and colored children.

Board of Education Attorney Jack White says simply, regarding the current in-city, Gaston-resident problem, "It reads that way to me."

Meantime, per instructions of the board of education, he is requesting a ruling from state Attorney-General Robert Morgan.

The old law came to fore recently when the members of the board of education and school officials received a copy of an Institute of Government publication "Local Acts Creating and Providing for North Carolina City School Administrative Units" by Robert E. Phay and Robert M. Ward. The book was published in January of this year, and Kings Mountain officials received copies during the past week.

George H. Mauney, school board chairman, called attention to the old law at Monday's night's board of education meeting.

Should the attorney-general's opinion confirm Attorney White's thinking, tuition fees would be eliminated for the Gaston county residents of the City of Kings Mountain.

In turn, school taxes paid to Gaston county by these citizens would be prorated to Cleveland County directly and to the Kings Mountain school district indirectly, since school appropriations are made on a per capita pupil basis.

Rites Thursday For Mrs. Falls

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Jane Falls, 67, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Second Baptist church. The body will lie in state at the church from 3:30.

Mrs. Falls, who had been in ill health for several months, died at 6:35 Tuesday afternoon at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was the wife of Ira Jefferson Falls, who survives, and the daughter of James A. Covertson, of High Shoals, and the late Lula Mullinax Covertson.

Also surviving are four sons, Harold Falls, of Maadenville, and Doytt Falls, James Falls and Ira William Falls, all of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. Tom Wilson and Mrs. Fred Acuff, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Earl Navy and Mrs. Keith Hilliard, both of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Clarence Covertson.

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VFW Elects Jack Smith

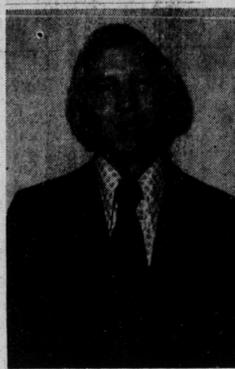
Jack Smith was elected commander of Frank B. Glass Post 9811 Veterans of Foreign Wars in annual post balloting Monday.

Mr. Smith was unopposed for the office as were all officer-nominees. There were no write-in candidates.

Other officers will include: George Sellers, senior vice commander; David Delevie, junior vice commander; Earl Stroupe Jr., quartermaster; Lester Eak-judge advocate; Gary Bolin, chaplain; Yates Smith, surgeon; Frank Case, three-year trustee; and Marion Dixon, two year trustee.

The new officers will be installed at the May meeting on Monday, May 1st, at 7:30 p. m.

Schoolmen Worry Is Pupil Housing



HONORED — Michael W. Falls, insurance man, has been honored for the second straight month as Man of the Month for his district.

Second Award To Falls

Michael W. Falls, representative of the Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, of the Shelby District, has been selected as Man of the Month for March, by his district.

Mr. Falls was employed by Western and Southern in May of 1971 after completing a tour of duty in the military service.

A native of Cleveland County, he attended Latimore Elementary school and is a graduate of Hargrave Military Academy, Chatham, Virginia. He resides on Route 3, Shelby with his wife, Jo Falls.

This is the second straight month Falls has won the award.

School Break-In Is Reported

Kings Mountain police are investigating a break-in Monday night at East School.

The school's principal, C. A. Allison, reported to the police Tuesday morning that someone had entered the building and ransacked a classroom and stole a small amount of money.

Police said entry was made through a girl's restroom on the north side of the building. A drink box and a towel machine was broken into and approximately \$200 stolen.

Several Pictures Didn't Arrive

Missing from the women's page are five pictures which were slated to run in this week's Herald. Engravings, which are shipped to Kings Mountain via bus from Greenville, S. C. engravings, had not arrived at presstime Wednesday night.

The pictures and stories will appear in next week's edition.

Firemen Benefit Saturday At 5

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will serve barbecue chicken Saturday from 5 until 8 p. m. at the department headquarters in the Bethlehem community.

Proceeds from the supper (\$1.50 per plate) will be used to purchase fire-fighting equipment.

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John Jackson, Hotel Major Domo, School Janitor (Finally) Retires

John Jackson, 87, retired recently as janitor of Boyce Memorial ARP Church, bringing to an end of 67 years in his profession.

Jackson, who lives at 302 West King Street, began janitorial work at the age of 20 at Mountain View Hotel. Before taking his post at Boyce Memorial, he served for several years as janitor at West Elementary School. Jackson has three children, all living. They are Paul Jackson of Kings Mountain, a pressman for the Kings Mountain Herald; Mrs. Missoury Morgan of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Martha Mitchell of New York.

Jackson's wife, Mrs. Ida B. Jackson, died five years ago. Jackson is a member of the Bynum Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church and is a master mason in the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge.