Population

Greater Kings Mountain 21,914
City Limits 8,465

The 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 6,134 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder's Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Democrats And GOP To Settle Primary Contests

No More Tuition For Linwood Pupils

Slain Policeman's Rites Conducted

SUCCUMBS—Danny Lee Bridges, 16, succumbed to leukemia Saturday. Funeral rites were held Monday.

He Trained On KM Force; Dies Tuesday

A 21-year-old former Kings Mountain policeman was shot to death early Tuesday morning after stopping a car for a routine license check on Alabama Avenue in Bessemer City.

Michel P. Jenkins, a member of the Bessemer City police department, was pronounced dead shortly after an ambulance carried him from the shooting scene to Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Jenkins had been a member of the Bessemer City force for only three weeks. He left KM department on April 8.

The murder suspect, Nathan Paul Hall of Charlotte, Negro was killed approximatey seven hours later during a gun battle with approximately 100 law enforement officers from Gaston and surrounding counties. Members of the Kings Mountain police force, including Chief Tom McDevitt, took part in the gunfight.

According to police reports Jenkins stopped a 1968 Plymouth, occupied by Hall and

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Leukemia Fatal To Danny Bridges

Eagle Scout Danny Bridges, 16, lost his fight with leukemia Saturday morning. He died at 4 a. m. in North Carolina Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem.

Funeral rites were conducted Monday afternoon at 4:30 from Faith Baptist church of which he was a member with members of his Boy Scout Troop 92 as active pallbearers. His pastor, Rev. Robert Hicklin, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Young Bridges, son of Mr. Mrs. Carl A. Bridges of route 1, was a native of Kings Mountain. He was a sophomore student at Kings Mountain high shool and active in school church and scouting activities until his recent hospitalization.

Sling-Shot Anyone? Tournament Set

A "sling shot" tournament will be held Saturday from 3 until 5 p.m. at Ray's Park-Inn Grill on Highway 161 south of Kings Mountain (Bear Den).

Participants should provide their own sling shot and pay a $1 entry fee.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Mary A. Payne and Ronald Dean Payne are listed on the University's official honor lists at East Carolina University in Greenville.

E. L. Putnam's Rites Conducted

Elzie Lee Putnam, 51, of Rt. 1, died at 6:30 a. m. Sunday in Kings Mountain hospital following an illness of several months.

A native of Cleveland county, he was owner of Putnam Foreign Car Garage, a former Cleveland county justice of peace and a member of Temple Baptist church where he served as deacon and Sunday school teacher.

He is survived by his widow, Edna Louise Gainey Putnam; one daughter Mrs. Ronnie Gregory of Kings Mountain; one son Pete Putnam of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. J. W. Rayfield of Kings Mountain: five brothers, William G. Putnam of Denville, N. J., Lloyd Putnam and Bobby Putnam, both of Kings Mountain and Forest Putnam and Billy Putnam, both of Charlotte ad two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. at Temple Baptist church by the Rev. Frank Shirley, the Rev. Richard Plyler and the Rev. Richard Whitener. Burial was in Patterson Grove cemetery.

Robert Faye: All In-City Areas Are In District

The Gaston County portion of Kings Mountain is, indeed, a part of the Kings Mountain School District, according to Robert E. Faye of the Institute of Government.

City Schools Superintendent Don Jones has received a letter from Faye as to that effect.

The question of whether or not students living in Gaston County were actually inside the KM school district arose at last month's school board meeting.

The schools' attorney, Jack White, inquired of the Institute of Government as to whether or not the 1905 boundary rules would apply now.

In his reply, Faye told the schools that the Kings Mountain School District automatically extends to any area taken in by the city of Kings Mountain.

Sup. Jones said that students living in the Gaston County section of the school district, namely the Linwood section, would not in the future have to pay a $60 per year tuition to attend the Kings Mountain schools.

DIXON SERVICE

Sunday morning worship service will be held at 9:30 at Dixon Presbyterian church with Rev. Robert Wilson to deliver the sermon.

Legion Taps Lindbergh Dixon

Lindbergh Dixon, construction superintendent, has been elected Commander of Otis D. Green Post 155 American Legion for the coming year.

Mr. Dixon defeated two other nominees — Bob Davies and Ben Hord — in post elections Monday night. He will succeed Commander Bruce McDaniel.

Commander McDaniel was elected First Vice-Commander and Gene Gibson was tapped as Second Vice-Commander.

Other new officers, all to be installed at the May meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion building, will include Joe H. McDaniel, adjutant and finance officer; Franklin Ware, chaplain; Gene Steffy, service officer; Stonewall Jackson, historian; Gene Wright, sergeant-at-arms; George Bowen, assistant sergeant-at-arms; and Jake Bridges, Hobert Dye, Dick McGinnis, Jay Powell and Gene Tignor, members of the executive committee.

Smith Home Burglarized

A thief or thieves broke into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Smith of 815 First Street sometime late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, ransacked two bedrooms and stole approximately $420.

Det. William Roper of the Kings Mountain Police Department said the Smiths left home about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday to go to work and reported the break-in when they returned home at 7:30 Wednesday morning.

According to Roper, the thieves gained entrance by breaking the glass out of a door in the rear of the house.

Roper said $90 was taken from Mrs. Smith's pocketbook; $90 from a canister set; $121 in 50-cent pieces, $3 in silver dollars, $4 in pennies, $20 in other change and two savings bonds.

Roper said he got several fingerprints from the canister sets but the police have no other leads.

Det. Roper said that local merchants should contact him at 739-3636 if someone tries to cash-in a large amount of change.

A. H. Patterson's Rites Conducted

RITES HELD — Funeral rites for Arthur Hunter Patterson, 90, were conducted Wednesday.

Home Savings' Founder Dies At Age 90

Funeral rites for Arthur Hunter Patterson, 90, founder of Home Savings & Loan Association, were conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Central United Methodist church.

His pastor, Rev. Paschal Waugh, officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family has designated memorials to the building fund of the church.

Active pallbearers were David Saunders, Jay H. Patterson, Larry Hamrick, Bill Russell, John Cheshire, and Charles T. Carpenter, Jr.

Mr. Patterson, in ill health for several years, died of heart failure Tuesday morning at 1:30 in Kings Mountain hospital. He had been a resident of Beam's Rest Home in Cherryville prior to his hospitalization.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Ira H. and Angeline Whitesides Patterson and had attended Rutherford college.

Last surviving member of the original organizers of Home Savings & Loan Association, he was vice president of the institution at the time of his death. He had served as secreary-treasurer of the association from 1923-1961.

He was a member of Central United Methodist church, and of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. He served as a city commissioner, as Kings Mountain postmaster from 1915-1923 and was a former member of the board of education.

He had been married more than 50 years to the former Fairy Long of Kings Mountain. In addition to his wife he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Charles E. Warlick, Mrs. John C. Smathers, Mrs. R. C. Etheridge, all of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Herman Shaparo of New York City; four brothers, Price Patterson of Charleston, S. C., Wray Patterson of Dawson, Ga., Grady Patterson and DeWitt Patterson, both of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Clarence S. Plonk of Kings Mountain, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Rescue Squad Continues Campaign

Kings Mountain rescue squad will continue its house numbers campaign.

Due to weather and the shortage of certain numbers the group was forced to discontinue the program.

Beginning Monday, May 8 they will continue this worthwhile project. Rescue squad members will install your house number for a minimum donation of $1.00.

BVFD Begins Fund Drive

The Bethlehem Volunteer Fire department will begin its annual fund drive Sunday.

Fred Tate, a spokesman for the department, said the firemen will call on all individuals and businesses in the BVFD district. All donations are tax deductible.

Tate said the purpose for this year's drive is to raise money for a new brush truck.

Tate noted that last year's funds were used toward building a new ceiling on the fire department building, buying automatic door openers and purchasing a new pumper.

He said special activities by the department last year included operating the concession stand at the Bethware fair and sponsoring several chicken and hot dog suppers.

Fund Established For Mrs. Jenkins

The Gaston County Law Enforcement Association has established a fund for the widow of Michael Jenkins, 21-year-old slain Bessemer City policeman.

Jenkins, a former Kings Mountain policeman, was shot to death when he stopped a car for a routine check early Tuesday morning in Bessemer City.

The Gaston Law Enforcement Association opened the fund with a $250 contribution to Mrs. Jenkins, who is a student at Gardner Webb college.

Contributions may be sent to the Citizens Bank in Lowell, N. C., according to Captain Jim Auton of the Gaston County Rural Police.

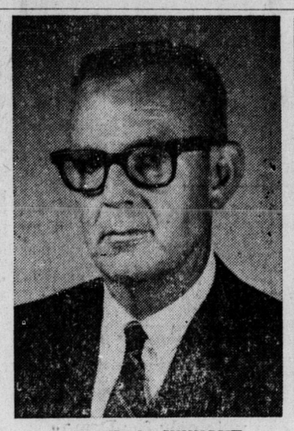
SERMON TOPIC

Dr. Paul Ausley will use the sermon topic, "God Is Beyond," at Sunday morning worship hour at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.

Winkler To Lead Revival Series

Rev. J. Garland Winkler, retired Methodist minister of Lenoir and pastor of Central Methodist church from 1941-48, will be evangelist for revival services beginning May 14th.

Services will be held each evening beginning on Sunday, May 14th, and continuing through the following Wednesday.



L. E. (Josh) HINNANT
KM Candidate
For County Commission

RICHARD (Dick) WARE
KM Candidate
For County Commission

Kinmont Industry To Employ 50

MAY QUEEN—Kathryn Owens, high school senior, will reign as Queen of May at traditional May Day festivities May 12th at the high school gymnasium.

Kathryn Owens Is May Queen

Kathryn Owens, senior student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Owens, will reign as May Queen at May Day festivities May 12th at Kings Mountain high school.

Other members of the May Court will include: Maid of Honor Judy West, a senior; Lynn Bridges and Brenda Stone, senior attendants; Susan Bumgardner and Debbie Page, junior attendants; Nancy Hord and Becky Scruggs, sophomore attendants; and Vickie Bell and Toby Brown, freshmen attendants.

Miss Owens is president of the KMHS Health Careers club and is active in the Future Teachers and Future Homemakers organizations.

IN NEW POST

Charles Wilson has been elected president of the Rotary club to fill the unexpired term of President Joe Laney who has moved to Greenville. Mr. Wilson is a partner in McCurdy Cleaners and an officer in the N. C. National Guard.

Plonk, Mauney To Convention

Hal Plonk, representing Resurrection Lutheran church, and Charles F. Mauney, representing St. Matthew's Lutheran church are delegates to the 168th annual convenion of the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church in America beginning Monday at Durham Motel and Civic Center in Durham.

Delegates will give major consideration to the proposals to change the synod staff strucure and related constitutional and by-law amendments which were put on notice at the 1971 convention.

Rev. R. Douglas Fritz of Salisbury, a former pastor of Resurrection church here, will serve as master of ceremonies at the convention banquet Tuesday evening.

Bedpillow Manufacturer To Locate Here

A group of North Carolina businessmen have formed a new Kings Mountain corporation which will employ approximately 50 persons.

Kinmont Industries, Inc., a manufacturer of bed pillows, will be located in the Kings Mountain Industrial Park.

Bill Stinnett, President of the Cleveland and Gaston Development Corporation, which is constructing the 35,000 square foot building, said that grading began on Monday and actual construction should begin within the next 10 days.

Stinnett said production will begin September 1.

In announcing the new industry, Stinnett said:

"This facility will produce bed pillows for direct sales to institutions and mass merchandisers. In addition, Kinmont Industries has become a licensee of the nationally-advertised Blue Heaven name for bedpillows as well as other well-known lines for manufacture and sale to Southern retailers."

Other officers, in addition to Stinnett, include George Lewis, vice-president; Robert Goode, secretary and Glenn Adams, treasurer.

Stinnett said total investment in the new corporation is $500,000.

Ira Ross, a native of Virginia and a graduate of Georgia Tech, will be general manager of the corportion and will be moving to Kings Mountain soon, Stinnett said.

Three Zoning Permits Issued

Three permits for zoning were issued by the city building inspector this week.

They included:

Herman K. Cobb obtained a permit to place six trailers, Ricky Wood of 701 Princeton Drive obtained permit to place a metal building and H. H. Yarboro bought a permit to close in a carport at his residence at 306 Juniper street.

11 In Race For Commission; 12 For Governor

Kings Mountain voters will go to the polls Saturday to take part in one of the most hotly-contested primaries in the history of North Carolina.

Local voters will have no less than 12 choices in the Governor's race and 11 in the county commissioner's chase.

All 11 men running for the three vacant county commissioner's seats are Democrats. The list includes two Kings Mountain men, Richard (Dick) Ware and L. E. (Josh) Hinnant.

Others seeking a spot on the board of commissioners are incumbents Fritz Morehead Jr., Robert Hubbard and J. Dock Turner; plus Jack Palmer, W. H. Dodd, Coleman W. Goforth, Clarence C. Mellon, Clay Stapleton and Dwight Tessneer.

Six men are seeking the Democratic nomination for Governor. They include Lt. Governor Pat Taylor, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Zeb Dickson, Reginald Hawkins, Wilbur Hobby and Gene Leggett.

Seeking the Republican Party's nomination for Governor are Jim Gardner, an unsuccessful opponent of Bob Scott in the 1968 election, Jim Holshouser, Leroy Gibson and Thomas E. Chappell.

Bruce (Bozo) Burleson and Arlis F. Pettyojhn are running on the American Party ticket.

Five Democrats and two Republicans are on the state's first Presidential ballots. Democrats include former Governor Terry Sanford, George Wallace, Shirley Chisholm, Henry Jackson and Edmund Muskie. The Republicans are President Richard Nixon and Paul McCloskey, Jr.

On the United States Senator ticket, Democrats will choose from a list of four, including incumbent B. Everett Jordan, Nick Galifianakis, Joe Brown and Gene Grace. Republicans will choose from the trio of Jesse Helms, William Booe and Jim Johnson, Jr.

The Lieutenant Governor's race, especially on the Democratic side, also shapes up as an interesting one. Democratic candidates include Allen C. Barbee, Reginald Lee Frazier, Margaret Harper, Jim Hunt Jr. and Roy Sowers. None of the candidates appear to be way ahead of the pack.

On the Republican side. candidates are Norman Joyner and Johnny Walker.

The Democratic Party has a slate of six candidates in the race for Commissioner of Insurance, including George Belk, George Cherry, Jr., Johnny Clark, Cecil Duncan, John Ingram and E. Russell Secrest. The Republicans offer only two, L. W. Douglass and C. Edley Hutchins.

Winners of four races Saturday will be unopposed in the November General Elections. Republicans are not seeking the posts of Secretary of State, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Commissioner of Labor.

Democrats seeking the Secretary of State post are Thad Eure and Louis M. Wade; Edwin Gill and Jack Jurney are running for Treasurer; John M. O'Connell is opposing incumbent Craigh Phillips for the Superintendent of Public Instruction and seeking the post of Commissioner of Labor are John S. Blanton Jr., John C. Brooks, W. C. (Billy) Creel, Phillip Ellen, Bob Folger and John Wardell Jr.

Voters will also face two state bonds. They will decide whether or not to spend $2,000,000 for a State Zoo and whether or not to spend $150,000,000 for a Clean

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AUXILIARY OFFICERS — Members of the Auxiliary of Otis D. Green Post 155 were hostesses to the District 23 meeting in Kings Mountain Sunday at the American Legion building. Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Robert McRorie of Rutherfordton - re-elected district president; Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Herald staffer, local unit president and new alternate president for the district; Mrs. Margaret Greene of Stanley, Division V president; Mrs. Charles Barbee of Winston Salem, state president of the Auxiliary; and Mrs. Doris Ray of Hillsboro, the state vice-president and incoming president. The local auxiliary won two membership awards. (Herald Photo by Isaac Alexander)

Funeral Services Thursday 3:30 For Mrs. Pearl Long Styers, 92

Funeral rites for Mrs. Pearl Long Styers, 92, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3:30 from Kings Mountain Baptist church of which she was a member.

Rev. James Wilder will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until a half hour before the service.

Widow of Winfred Scott Styers who died in 1962 Mrs. Styers succumbed to a long illness Tuesday omrning at 9:55 a.m. in Green Briar Rest Home in Gastonia. She had been hospitalized here some time with a broken hip but had become able to leave the hospital.

She was a native of Cleveland county, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long. She recently celebrated her 92nd birthday.

She was a charter member of Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. D. E. Tate of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Carl Lewis of Gastonia; two sons John Styers of Hampton, Va. and Bruce Styers of Hagerstown, Md.; two foster children, Mrs. Joe Edison of Gastonia and City Clerk Joe H. McDaniel Jr. of Kings Mountain; 11 grandchildren; and 1[illegible] great-grandchildren.