

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 1966, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Commission Endorses Regional Sewer System Concept

Mrs. Willeford Died Tuesday; Rites Friday

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas Willeford, 84, widow of Bennett Rufus Willeford, Southern Railway conductor for many years before his death in 1966, died Tuesday night at 10:30 p.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital.

Funeral rites will be conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock from First Baptist church with Rev. S. L. Lamb officiating. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home Chapel until the hour of service. In lieu of flowers memorials have been designated to First Baptist church.

A native of Spartanburg, S. C., was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Andrew Thomson.

She was a member of First Baptist church.

Surviving are one son, Dr. Bennett R. Willeford, Jr., of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.; two brothers, Joe Thomson of Kings Mountain and James Thomson of Union, S. C.; and four sisters, Mrs. J. B. Emory of Charlotte, Mrs. R. C. Cooksey of Blackburg, S. C., Mrs. Lela Harig of Gainesville, Ga., and Miss Hallie Thomson of Union, S. C.

Band Concert Thursday At 8

The four bands of the school system will present a spring concert Thursday (tonight) at 8 p.m. in Central school auditorium.

Participating will be the seventh Grade Band, the Eighth Grade Band, the Ninth Grade Band and the High School Band.

The musicians will be under the direction of Band Director Donald Deal.

Miss Metcalf Wins Scholarship

Jackie Metcalf, high school senior, was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Dover foundation Friday.

Sixteen Cleveland county high school students were honored at a banquet at Gardner-Webb college Friday night and were presented scholarships. The two top awards were \$750 scholarships given to a student planning to attend Gardner-Webb college and another planning to attend any college of his choice. The runner-up in each category received a \$500 scholarship and the rest of the finalists received \$100 scholarship each.

Jackie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kenneth Metcalf of 602 York Road, Kings Mountain. She plans to attend UNC-Greensboro this fall to major in medical technology.

Recently, Jackie also was awarded the Roxie King scholarship, given by UNC-G. This scholarship is awarded each year to a high school senior who will enter the university this fall.

Mrs. Houser's Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Lela Barber Houser were conducted Monday at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian church, where she was a member, by Dr. Paul Ausley. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Houser, 85, of 203 North Piedmont Ave., died at 11:15 p.m. Saturday in Kings Mountain hospital.

A native of York county, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barber and widow of Dock Henry Houser.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Merle Beatty of Kings Mountain; four sons, Curtis Houser and Lloyd Houser, both of Kings Mountain, James Houser of Graham and Forrest Houser of Charlotte; one sister, Mrs. W. F. Rhodes of Holbrook, Mass.; one brother, Banks Barber of Shelby; 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.



OPEN HOUSE AT NORTH WOODS — Phillips Development Corporation opened 30 new homes in North Woods Sub-Division on Groves street Sunday as Mayor John H. Moss snipped the ribbon formally opening the new housing project, when completed will mean 146 new homes and a \$2 million investment. From left to right: Bob Shelton, Art Fincannon, both of Phillips, Jaycee President Bob Myers, Mayor Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Powell, and North Woods Project Manager Roger Osment and Mrs. Osment. (Photo by I. G. Alexander)

City Approves Water Contract



TO WIN DEGREE — Mrs. Peggy McGinnis Wells will receive her degree in exercises Saturday at Sacred Heart college at Belmont.

Mrs. Wells To Win Degree

Mrs. Peggy McGinnis Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGinnis of Kings Mountain, will graduate Saturday from Sacred Heart college in Belmont with a B. A. in elementary education.

Mrs. Wells will join the faculty of Carver school in the Rutherford county school system in the fall teaching language arts in the seventh grade.

She is married to Bill Wells of Gastonia, also formerly of Kings Mountain, and they are parents of two sons, Andy, age 14, and

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Bessemer City May Take First Water Thursday

Representatives of Gaston County, Bessemer City and Kings Mountain, along with those of government agencies and semi-private agencies promoting a clean environment voted unanimously at a meeting here Tuesday to recommend to the respective boards a joint effort to make a feasibility study of a regional sewer treatment facility.

The group met here at the invitation of Mayor John Henry Moss, who, in welcoming the visitors said:

"This meeting today is the 'Door Opening Assembly Session' that we may exchange ideas and views and co-ordinate efforts to resolve that we will affirmatively meet the 'Environmental Challenge for the Seventies' through an action program of cooperation in the effort for a Regional Sewer System."

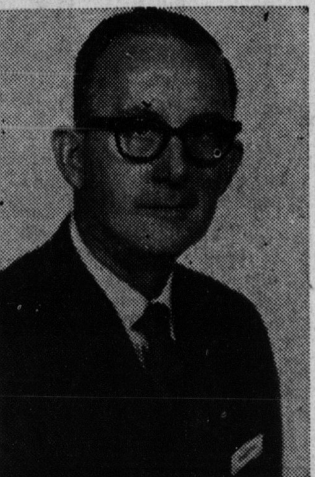
The motion was made by Gene Froneberger, Gaston county commissioner, and seconded by Bessemer City Mayor George Newton.

Grover Cook of the environmental protection agency of Charlotte pledged the support of his agency in giving a regional sewer authority top priority.

Edward Easton, director of Centralia Council of Governments, stated this agency's priorities could be devoted to this "present need of the Western Gerson-Eastern Cleveland - Bessemer City - Kings Mountain sewer plant."

William H. Mull, of Asheville, (Continued on Page Eight)

Commencement Exercises To Begin; Ausley Is Baccalaureate Speaker



DR. PAUL AUSLEY

Commencement exercises for 268 Kings Mountain high school seniors will begin on Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon at 8 p.m. in John Gamble Memorial Stadium.

Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor of First Presbyterian church, will deliver the message.

The invocation will be offered by Rev. Paul Millwood, pastor of Grover's First Baptist church, and the scripture reading will be read by Rev. D. C. Wilson, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist church.

Diplomas will be awarded at graduation exercises on May 28th at 8 p.m. in the stadium. KMHS Principal Jake Atkinson, assisted by Supt. Donald Jones and Chief Marshal Lynn Blanton, will make the presentation of diplomas. Seniors will conduct the pro-

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Building Permits Issued By City

Building permits issued by city Building Inspector recently include several perimeter zoning permits and three metal utility buildings.

Also issued to Frances Hullen-Jones was permit for building a six-room residence, estimated to cost \$3775 with A. A. Construction Company listed as contractor. Herman K. Cobb bought perimeter zoning permits for six trailer placements on Grover road and another to Hazel Thompson for a placement in Silver Dollar Trailer Park.

Robert McDowell bought a permit for a carport estimated to cost \$1600, with A. A. Construction Company contractor, and H. H. Yarbro, 306 Juniper street for enclosing a carport, estimated cost \$525.

Permits for metal utility buildings were issued to Ricky Wood, 701 Princeton drive, estimated cost \$80, to Bill McMurry, 708 Meadowsbrook road, estimated cost \$150, and to Buddy C. Fletcher, 701 Cleveland avenue, estimated cost \$100.

Court Judgment Text Received

The city has received the judgment of the North Carolina Supreme Court in the condemnation action against Buford D. Cline and W. K. Mauney, Jr., trading as Double B Ranch, et al.

The opinion, written by Judge Susie Sharp, was handed down on May 10. The court had heard arguments in the case last November.

The Court's conclusion: Our examination of the record reveals that substantial competent evidence supports every finding of the clerk and the judge and that the findings support each judgment. Furthermore, all questions, except the question of just compensation, were rendered moot by the stipulation (quoted verbatim in the statement of facts) that City will acquire title to the lands upon posting the amount set forth in the petition and that defendants might withdraw the money from the clerk's office without prejudice to the right of "either side" to contest the amount of damages. This stipulation goes far beyond the right, which C. S. 49-19 gives a municipality upon the payment into court of the sum appraised by commissioners, to "enter, take possession of, and hold" lands notwithstanding the pendency of an appeal, until final judgment has been rendered. See Topping v. Board of Education, 249 NC 291, 108 SE 2d 215 (1958). In the face of the stipulation that upon payment of the sum mentioned in the petition (\$44,532.60) City would "acquire title," defendants are estopped to contest City's right to condemn.

By this stipulation the parties have, in effect, agreed that City's payment of \$44,562.60 should be treated as if it were the amount of damages assessed by commissioners. (Continued on Page Eight)

Area Officials Solidly Favor Regional Plan

By MARTIN HARMON

The Kings Mountain city commission led the way Wednesday night on a regional sewer system to serve Eastern Cleveland and Western Gaston counties, approving a resolution for a joint effort to obtain a feasibility study.

The board also passed a resolution of compliance for improvement of the Kings Mountain sewer system. Specifically a related action approving plans and specifications as approved by the State Board of Water and Air Resources will divert waste now going into the over-loaded McGill Creek plant. Final engineering plans are to be filed in Raleigh by June 1.

In another action concerning waste, the commission endorsed a state permit whereby K Mills will build a 100,000 gallon holding basin—also a move to alleviate the McGill creek overload.

The board authorized employment of three regular police officers, Donald D. Ivey, 22, Warren G. Brooks, 44, an army retiree with military police experience, and Bobby Lee Meadows, 31, waiving the maximum age requirement on the latter two. Employed as a policeman for the summer months was Jimmy Dickey, 21, a Gardner-Webb college junior.

Injuries Fatal To Rippy, 17

A 17-year-old Grover youth, Jack Edward Rippy, died at 7 p.m. Sunday in Spartanburg General hospital as the result of injuries sustained in a two-car collision on S. C. 198, north of Blacksburg, S. C., Sunday at 4:20 p.m.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at Rock Springs Baptist church, where he was a member, by the Rev. James Michael Minnix and the Rev. Leonard Thomas. Burial was in Mt. Parron church cemetery.

Rippy was the son of James Allen and Minnie Camp Rippy of Route 1, Grover.

He was a senior at Blacksburg (S. C.) high school. Surviving other than his parents are one brother, Charles A. Rippy of Grover; and three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Hannon and Mrs. Margaret McCraw, both of Gaffney, S. C. and Mrs. Sarah McIntire of Blacksburg, S. C.

MOTHER OF YEAR

First Congregational United Church of Christ in the Lincoln Academy honored Mrs. Hattie Brandon McNair as "Mother of the Year" at special services Sunday. Mrs. McNair, mother of four children, was given a bouquet of red roses from her son, Evon.



STUDENTS AND BOSSES HONORED — Students and employers in the Industrial and Distributive Education-training programs at Kings Mountain high school were honored at the annual awards luncheon Thursday at Royal Villa. From left to right: Mrs. Carolyn McWhirter, DE coordinator; Jim White, employer at BVD Company; Cliff Hicklin, DE Student of the Year; Mark McDaniel, employee at Bell's; Larry Morrow, of Bell's, DE Employer of the Year; Curtis Patterson, ICT Student of the Year; Kyle Smith, ICT Boss of the Year Award; Myers Raybright, ICT coordinator; and Schools Supt. Donald D. Jones. Awards were presented to outstanding students and their employers in both school programs. (Photo by I. G. Alexander)

City Acted Wednesday For Joint Effort

By MARTIN HARMON

City commissions of Bessemer City and Kings Mountain met Wednesday night to effect a water contract. The Kings Mountain board ratified the contract at a 6:30 meeting. The Bessemer board was meeting later.

Mayor George Newton of Bessemer City told Mayor John Henry Moss he would be taking water Thursday at 4 o'clock.

The contract provides that Kings Mountain will supply Bessemer City with 250,000 gallons of water per day at a flat rate of 37.44 cents per thousand gallons.

The city reserves the right to adjust rates on three months notice and to cancel the contract on six months notice which Mayor Moss said he doesn't foresee.

Kings Mountain has treatable water capacity of six million gallons daily, four million from the Buffalo Creek plant and two from the Deal street plant more than twice the current pumpage of the city to present customers.

The contract provides that Bessemer City receive tap fees on the line it owns from Kings Mountain Industrial Park to the Bessemer City town limits.

Bessemer City has been plagued by a water shortage, particularly in dry weather, for some years and the shortage has hampered the city's industrial growth.

"The contract is regarded as good business for both cities," Mayor Moss said. "We have the water and Bessemer City needs it."

The rate is 12.44 cents higher than the base rate of 25 cents which in-city customers pay.

Inquest Reset Monday, 11 A.M.

Inquest into the death of a Kings Mountain Negro woman has been continued until next Monday at the request of attorney Julius Chambers.

Chambers is the attorney for the family of Mrs. Senora Hughes Williams, 44, who died on Friday, May 5, after being hit by a police car driven by Kings Mountain police chief Tom McDevitt.

Monday's continuance of the inquest will be held at 11 a.m. at City Hall in Shelby.

Highway Patrolman R. B. Burnette, who investigated the accident in which Mrs. Williams was killed, filed no charges against McDevitt, ruling the accident unavoidable.

Burnette's reports stated that McDevitt was chasing a speeding car when Mrs. Williams stepped from a curb at the intersection of Candler and Highway 74 into the path of the police car.

According to Burnette, there were three witnesses who said McDevitt had his blue light and siren on.

KMHS May Increase Graduation Units Required From 16 To 18

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night authorized Superintendent Don Jones to study the possibility of raising graduation requirements at Kings Mountain High School.

Superintendent Jones gave the board a request from a local student requesting to take an English course in summer school to graduate early in order to get married.

Jones read from a 1953 handbook which he said contained the latest requirements pertaining to such cases. The handbook stated that students should not be permitted to graduate in less than four years beyond the eighth grade but went on to give certain exceptions, among them that the student meet graduation requirements, be in the upper 10 percent of the class and have an IQ of 110 or more. The student requesting early graduation apparently met the requirements.

The board authorized Jones to review the situation and take action but Jones and board member P. A. Francis felt that if the board begins getting a lot of such requests it might affect the number of students at the high school.

Jones was authorized to meet with Principal Jake Atkinson and counselors to study the possibility of increasing required units for graduation from 16 to 18.

In other Monday night action, the board:

1) Voted to ask the Cleveland County commissioners for the 20 percent supplemental tax levy as approved by the voters. Jones said he didn't know how much revenue this will bring in, pointing out that there would probably be some difference in teacher allotments for the 1972-73 school year.

2) Gave its approval of members of the school administration attending an American Management Association workshop in Charlotte August 9-11. Jones said he had applications for 15 personnel to attend the meeting and a federal grant through the State Department of Public Instruction was approved for seven. Jones said the number could probably be increased to nine or 10. The school system will pay the cost of transportation and meals.

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