

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 1960, and includes the 14,989 population of Kings Mountain Township, plus 1,024 from Bunker Hill Township in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Strikers Heard, But Board Decision Is Reaffirmed



CATHODE RAY TUBE — New equipment installed by Southern Bell in Gastonia this year is the telephone like display screen with conventional keyboard to type service orders. Operating the machine is Mrs. Janet Branton, service order typist, while R. E. Moore, Southern Bell manager, is shown observing. Information is stored in a computer bank and messages are called out to be pictured on the screen.

Funeral Conducted For Harold George

Service Station Owner Died Sunday Night

Funeral rites for Harold Dean George, 37, owner and operator of King Street Gulf Station, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. from East Gold Street Wesleyan church interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Rev. Edwin R. Chrisco officiated at the final rites, assisted by Rev. W. Leonard Huffstetler.

Active pallbearers were Frank Hollifield, Guy Walters, Denver Shula, Alfred Tate, Ed Yarbro and Paul Griggs.

Kings Mountain Rescue Squad members Max Brooks and Keith Bowen answered a call Saturday night at 10:20 to the George home at 1609 Shelby road.

Mr. Bowen said they found George lying in the yard behind his car, his body close to the left rear wheel. Bowen said they found no pulse but immediately began administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage in effort to revive him.

Mr. George was pronounced dead on arrival at Kings Mountain hospital at 10:30 p.m. by County Medical Examiner Dr. Sam Robinson. On a question of cause of death, Dr. Robinson told the Herald yesterday evening, "Our studies are incomplete." There are no indications of foul play."

A Kings Mountain native, John I. George, Sr. of Kings Mountain, surviving, other than his son, was his wife, Mrs. Mickey Hamm George; one son, Tommy Dean George, and three daughters, Debbie, Tammy, and Kim George, all of the home; four brothers, John George, Jr., of Kings Mountain, Kenneth George of Lincolnton, Curtis George of Statesville and Richard George of Virginia Beach, Va.; and three sisters, Mrs. Bill Myers, Mrs. Horace Cunningham and Mrs. Gary Sarvis, all of Kings Mountain.

AUGUST DANCES

August American Legion dances will feature "The Palisades" on August 12th and "The Six of Clubs" on August 26th.

Building Permit Activity Brief

Building permit purchases were brief during the past week, principal among them purchase of a permit by N. F. McGill, Sr., for addition of room, estimated to cost \$3850, to his residence at 705 Main from East Gold Street Wesleyan church interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Demolition permit was issued to Mauney Mills, Inc., to remove a small metal building, a remodeling permit (zoning) was issued to Edmund Jones, who lives in the Route 3 perimeter area.

Trailer placement was issued to Fred and Geneva Neal, 1419 Shelby Road.

Mauney Home On Home Tour

The summer home of Rep. W. K. Mauney, Jr. of Kings Mountain is among five vacation homes on the annual tour of homes sponsored by the women of St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal church of Blowing Rock.

Tour hours are Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. ending with a complimentary tea at Blowing Rock Country Club. A luncheon will be served at the Parish Hall there from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and a bazaar will be held in conjunction with the luncheon.

Other homes on the tour are those of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pope, of Cypress Gardens, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Shuford of Hickory, Mrs. Betty Aruckles of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. James Comer of Gastonia.

The three-storyed white Mauney home perched at the tip of the gorge at Blowing Rock features great expanses of glass to provide scenic areas from inside, or from the porch, which overhangs the gorge. Soft greens and warm yellows and oranges make natural transition from inside to out.

Hord Growing Large Tomatoes

George B. Hord, retired assistant postmaster, grows tomatoes in his backyard.

The Hord tomatoes are Big Boys, which tip the scales at approximately one and one-fourth pounds.

Paul Gladden Rescues Girl Drowns At Lake Caswell

Kings Mountain Youth Attending Baptist Retreat

A Second Baptist church retreat to the beach ended in tragedy Wednesday evening for a Kings Mountain family.

Rev. Eugene Land, pastor of Second Baptist church, called members of his congregation with the news that Paul Gladden, one of the members of the group, drowned after he pulled a young child from deep water.

The Minister, who spoke via phone with Ira Falls, 7 p.m., said that Gladden, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gladden of Kings Mountain, had gone out into the deep waters of a lake at Caswell Baptist Retreat near Wilmington to help a young girl "in trouble". He got her back to the ropes and we looked and Paul suddenly disappeared.

Rescue workers were still dragging the waters for young Gladden's body late Wednesday. Mrs. James W. Ware, another member of the distressed congregation, reported.

After hearing news of the accident, parents of other children in the outing party immediately left for the coast. Those going to the coast were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Guyton, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Guyton, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks McBee, and Ira Falls.

Joyce Ann King, daughter of Comm. and Mrs. Norman King, also called home to report the tragedy.

Rev. Mr. Land had accompanied a large group on the outing Monday morning, Mrs. Ware said. Young Gladden is the youngest of 11 children of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gladden and their second son to drown. The Gladdens lost another boy by drowning, Denver Gladden, some years ago. A graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Paul Gladden was a student at Gaston college. He was active in the youth program of Second Baptist church.

The child reportedly pulled to safety by young Gladden was a member of a Forest City Baptist church group led by the minister's brother of W. W. Laughter of Kings Mountain.

Present as special guests will be Senator Clorie Harris of Kings Mountain, Senator Marshall Rauh of Gastonia, Mayor John Henry Moss and Police Chief Tom McDevitt of Kings Mountain.

Rev. Paschal Waugh, pastor of Central Methodist church, will give the invocation.

Charles Dwyer, of Charlotte, third member of the arrangements committee, has arranged for the visitors to enjoy a cook-out on Saturday evening in Charlotte where they will be overnight guests.

Unit To Treat Oteen Patients

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary to Post 155 will treat patients of Oteen hospital to a bingo party on August 27th. Project Chairman Mrs. Robert Ruff announced.

Lionnaires are being invited to join the Auxiliary members in the project.

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155 recently voted to contribute a new television set to patients at the hospital.

Bessie Bumgardner Badly Injured When Hit By Car Saturday Night

A 28-year-old Bessemer City man, Leroy Campbell, has been charged with hit and run involving personal injury and driving on the wrong side of the road following a Saturday night accident on York Road.

According to the highway patrolman, Campbell turned himself in at Kings Mountain Police Department after Miss Bessie Bumgardner, owner and operator of Besse's Beauty Shop on N. C. 161 was hit by a car about 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Arresting highway patrolman J. L. Evans said Miss Bumgardner was about four feet into the left lane when a car came across the center line and struck her.

She was admitted to Kings Mountain hospital where she remains a patient. She suffered a cracked pelvis and severe lacerations and torn ligaments in her right leg. She is to undergo knee surgery at a later date, a family spokesman said.

Commander Jack Smith said

Among 53,107 Two KM Men Seat Mates

Official attendance at the annual all-star game in Atlanta Tuesday night was 53,107.

Among them was Ollie Harris and his grandson John Oliver Harris III.

Mr. Harris replied, "Sure, for the Braves and the National League and you—if you're a National League fan."

Conversation continued, and Mr. Harris remarked that he was from North Carolina."

His new-found friend replied, "I once was from North Carolina, where are you from?"

Kings Mountain.

"Say, I used to live in Kings Mountain," the neighbor replied.

The neighbor proved to be Larry Cline, who lives at nearby Marietta, he is the son of City Commissioner Ray Cline and son-in-law of Luther Bennett.

Mr. Cline continued, "I thought I had seen you before. My Dad and father-in-law are up there somewhere in the third tier."

WW II Reunion Here On Sunday

World War II Army veterans in the 545th Ordnance Division will gather for their fourth annual reunion here Sunday at 1 p.m. at the American Legion building.

Frank Hamrick, a former Master Sergeant during World War II and a mechanic at Grigg Garage, is local chairman of the arrangements committee with Clinton Jolly as co-chairman.

CoChairman Hamrick and Jolly estimated a crowd of between 50-60 "army buddies" from New York, Florida, New Orleans and the two Carolinas will attend.

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Forrest Wayne Wright, 21, of Route 2, Kings Mountain, was sentenced one to two years in prison Thursday in Superior Court after pleading guilty to a charge of possession of hashish with intent to sell.

Wright was arrested last January 27 by Kings Mountain Police officer David Corn after a high-speed chase which resulted in the two cars wrecking in Grover.

Approximately 20 pounds of hashish was recovered from Wright's 1970 Pontiac GTO and from his home in the Bethlehem Community. Most of the hashish was found in wooden tubes in the trunk of the car.

Judge Harry Martin ordered Wright to a one to two year term in "custody of the commissioner of corrections in Raleigh." Wright was given an additional four year suspended sentence.

Judge Martin ordered Wright to report to the probation officer on his release from prison, to pay the court cost and to consent to a search of his car or himself by the probation officer at any time without a search warrant.

A charge of reckless driving against Wright was consolidated in the judgment. His car is also involved in the two cars wrecking in Grover.

The city commission finally adopted, as it had tentatively on June 28, a record \$3,485,647 budget for 1972-73, including \$230,801 in capital improvements.

The city commission also officially set the property tax rate at 85 cents per \$100 property valuation, same rate obtaining for many years, including five cents for recreational purposes.

The budget as is required by North Carolina is in balance, with anticipated income the same as anticipated outgo.

Principal increase in revenues derives from upward projections of sale of utilities, including income from the water and sewer system of \$170,490 (vs. \$138,380), from the electric and power system \$667,800 (vs. \$532,026), the natural gas system \$501,900 (vs. \$411,278) and due from other funds \$685,310 (vs. \$552,637).

The budget includes a five percent wage increase for all city employees, effective Sept. 1.

Other income boosts include the city's share of the one percent state sales tax, estimated a \$97,644 (vs. \$59,340), and increase in state gasoline tax from the Powell Bill, virtually doubled to \$105,521. (Powell Bill funds rebated to the cities effective July 1 were legislated by the 1971 General Assembly.)

One budget appropriation is less, for debt service, and reflects the school system.

Students who are 10th, 11th or 12th graders in public and private schools are eligible for the competition. The national winner receives a \$10,000 college scholarship.

Commander Jack Smith said students will be asked to speak on the subject, "My Responsibility to Freedom" and that tapes of last year's winners will be played in the various classrooms of the school system.

Appropriations are greater for

Wooten Reports Garbage Pick-Up Service Normal

By MARTIN HARMON
Garbage pick-up service was normal Wednesday. Public Works Foreman Roscoe Wooten said, following abbreviated service over the weekend in the wake of a strike by sanitation department workmen Thursday.

The word was "catch-up" and one workman reported at noon Wednesday, "We've cleaned up Crescent Hill."

Mr. Wooten reported a full complement of 16 men on the pick-up detail, including seven men who didn't walk out Thursday, two who returned to work Friday, and seven other employees.

In a special meeting Sunday afternoon, the board of commissioners adopted a resolution declaring the men who left their jobs and failed to return had forfeited their jobs.

Mayor John Henry Moss said Monday afternoon, "The trucks are rolling."

The workmen are paid \$1.93 per hour, with truck drivers receiving \$1.97. Mr. Wooten said the normal work schedule is 44 hours (straight time) per week.

Johnny Short, spokesman for the group, was quoted as saying the men wanted \$2.10 and \$2.20 per hour respectively plus the five percent raise the city will institute for all employees on September 1.

Mayor Moss noted that city fringe benefits are "good", including city-paid hospitalization and life insurance and a retirement plan. Employees get a week's paid vacation after a year's employment, two weeks' paid vacation after five years, and with a weeks bonus pay at Christmas. Sick pay is geared to longevity.

On Monday morning, Mayor Moss conferred at length with Mr. Short and subsequently with Miles H. (Smiley) Myers.

The Mayor told the Herald later he had informed the men he would be glad to discuss the matter with all dissident employees individually.

Mr. Wooten said he had instituted some changes, including route changes, which "may have upset some employees". One of the changes he said he had instituted was assignment of a "late" detail to remove trash in the retail business area "after hours", or subsequent to 5:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 155's membership drive is underway with 187 members already signed up, reports Adjutant Joe H. McDaniel, Jr.

Adjutant McDaniel reminds Legionnaires when they return their membership dues via mail to mark on the check the credit is to be given for the dues' collection.

Legionnaires are working to obtain "Go-Getter" status in the membership effort.

Record \$3,485,647 City Budget Is Adopted; Tax Rate 85 Cents

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Capital improvements are budgeted at about \$30,000 more than in the year ending June 30.

Other departmental spending estimates:

Cemetery department, \$21,500

Administrative department, \$65,215 vs. \$56,280.

Sanitary department, \$101,000 vs. \$92,750.

Street department, \$167,000 vs. \$143,553.

Fire department, \$50,100 vs. \$56,625.

General department, \$220,185 vs. \$194,352.

Recreation department, \$51,921 vs. \$49,224.

The appropriation of \$230,801 for capital (long-term) improvements for 1973 includes:

1) a new electrical substation to