

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 14,950 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowder Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Citizens To Vote Saturday On \$2.5 Million Bond Issue

EPA Sewage Grant Applications Filed

City To Double Pilot Plant Daily Capacity

By MARTIN HARMON

The city Tuesday filed applications for federal and state grants on a \$763,413 project to double the capacity of the Pilot Creek sewage treatment plant to four million gallons per day.

The applications were filed following resolution of the board of commissioners Monday night.

Specifically, the city, applying for the full allowable federal grant of 75 percent, seeks \$477,130 under the federal environmental act. It seeks \$159,045 from the state.

Mayor John Henry Moss said the city, to furnish its share, has invested in bank notes at 5.25 percent interest, \$147,063. derived from previous sewer system capital balances and \$110,000 in bank notes which the commission authorized several months ago under the "three steps forward, two steps backward" state financing law. Any agency of state government, including the state itself, is permitted to borrow capitol funds in any year up to two-thirds its previous year's net debt retirement.

The city is amortizing its bonds at the rate of \$170,000 per year, and its current bonded debt has been reduced to \$3,790,000. The state department of economic and natural resources has not yet indicated to what extent it will participate but, on basis of project outline, recommended approval of the federal grant last month.

Revenue Sharing Check Is \$63,248

Kings Mountain received \$63,248 and Grover received \$2,505 from the U. S. Treasury Department last week as their first payments under the General Revenue Sharing Program.

Payments are for the six-month retroactive period from Jan. 1-June 30. The funds may be used for a variety of public purposes such as environmental protection, public transportation, safety, health, recreation, libraries and social services for the poor or aged.

The total amount received in North Carolina was \$67,229,428. Cleveland County's figure was \$595,381.

SERMON TOPIC

"A Birthday Party" will be the sermon topic of Rev. N. C. Bush at Sunday morning worship hour at 11 o'clock at Grace United Methodist church.

Legion To Play Santa on Sunday

The American Legion's annual Christmas party for needy children will be held Sunday at 12 noon at Otis D. Greene Post 155.

W. D. (Red) Morrison, Post 155 manager, said he expects 450 children to be present. Morrison said the children would be served lunch and will be given treats.

Morrison noted that children must have a ticket in order to be admitted. Tickets will be distributed through the schools.

No adults will be admitted.

Grover's First Christmas Parade Friday at 5 o'clock; 40 Entries

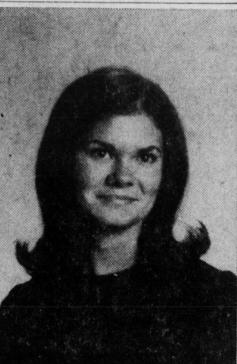
Grover's first annual Christmas parade will form Friday at 4:30 p. m. on Laurel street and proceed through the streets of Grover at 5 p. m.

Forty units, featuring pretty girls, the Kings Mountain high school band, a float by the Dixon 4-H club and other entries are



LEGION AUXILIARY HONORS PRESIDENT — Mrs. J. M. Rhea, left, a charter member of Otis D. Green Unit 155 Auxiliary, presents the post president's and president's pin to Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Unit 155 president, who is serving her second term as auxiliary president. The Unit honored Miss Stewart during a surprise presentation at the regular meeting Thursday night at the American Legion Building and also took the occasion to recognize the Unit's 100th member and other new members. (See story on page 4, this section. (Herald Photo by I. G. Alexander).

King Signal Plan Approved By City



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Sylvia Morris Is Inducted

Sylvia Morris of Kings Mountain has been initiated into Kappa Delta Pi national honor society in education at Western Carolina University.

To be eligible for membership in Kappa Delta Pi at WCU, a student must rank scholastically in the top 20 per cent of the student body, have at least a "B" average, exhibit commendable personal qualities and intend to

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Two Exceptions, Both Are Minor, Made By Board

Early Spring is target date for beginning work on a major traffic signalization program which will speed up traffic flow through the city.

The city commission Monday night formally approved the plan, in principle, stipulating that consideration would be given to prohibiting parking at certain intersections.

Dan Jenkins, state highway commission engineer, in presenting maps outlining the proposed project, said the signalization calls for:

1) Installation of a major signal at Railroad and Battleground which will control all other signals and "keep them in step, enabling motorists to drive through the city on King Street without traffic bottling up. The signal would be an elaborate two-dial unit, stepping up traffic in peak periods of 7 and 9:30 a.m. and stepping down during off peak periods, he said.

2) Installation of pedestrian push-button signals at King and Waterson and Linwood and Cleveland avenues for school children.

3) Prohibiting left turns on Battleground and Railroad avenues; 4) parking restrictions within 200 feet of the intersections of York and Gold, King Street and Highway 161, Linwood and Cleveland, King and North Piedmont and King and Waterson streets. 5) removal of parking on either side of King past Candler with exception of church parking only in certain areas.

"This plan has been in the planning stages for several years", commented Mayor John Moss, and "would provide safety and convenience of our citizens." The cost of the signalization project is completely paid by the state.

Formal Opening For Pine Manor Apartments

By MARTIN HARMON

Pine Manor Apartments, the 100-unit housing complex on Charles street off York Road, was formally opened at ribbon-cutting ceremonies Wednesday morning.

George Lusk, public relations director for the owner, Phillips Development Corporation of Gaffney, S. C., stated appreciation to Mayor John Henry Moss and other city officials for their cooperation in bringing the project to fruition.

"Mayor Moss is a 'can do' mayor with vision," Mr. Lusk declared.

He added particular appreciation to the city fire department and electrical department for their work in combatting the \$300,000 fire which destroyed a portion of the units while under construction. Had it not been for their good work, the whole complex would have burned, Mr. Lusk said.

Mayor Moss welcomed the Phillips firm and said the 100-apartment complex will answer a crying need for modern efficient, livable quarters. He then snipped the ribbon formally opening the complex.

Ken Martin, Phillips' property manager, said 30 apartments will be ready for occupancy Monday, with the others soon to be available after completing "finishing touches".

The complex was built under the subsidized rent section of the federal Public Housing Law. Low income families will qualify for rent subsidies, based on gross family income and size of family. Unlike Kings Mountain Public Housing authority residences, the Pine Manor apartments will be available to anyone regardless of income. Those with sufficient income will pay market rent.

Mrs. Annette Harris is resident manager and maintains an office at the apartments.

Other Phillips officials here for the ceremonies were Don War, area manager, Mrs. Denise Yencer, senior resident manager, and Mike Coleman, marketing director.

Available are one to four-bedroom apartments. The project represents a round-figure investment of \$1.3 million.

City To Appeal Double B Award

The city board of commissioners, with all members present Monday night, formally approved a resolution instructing City Attorney Jack White and Gastonia lawyer Verne Shive to perfect the appeal of the B and B Ranch decision to the N. C. Court of Appeals and make every effort to obtain a new trial.

Action came after report by Attorney Jack White covering the recent Nov. 27 jury award to Buford Cline of Shelby and W. K. (Billy) Mauney, Jr. of Kings Mountain, owners of B&B Ranch, of \$175,000 for land the city is taking through condemnation for the Kings Mountain water project on Buffalo Creek.

Notice of appeal by the city was filed by White Friday but he told the board "it will take 120 days for both parties to perfect the appeals." White estimated it will be five or six months before the Court of Appeals hears the case.

The resolution, points out that

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FIREMEN'S DEBT PAID — Members of the Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department recently marked "paid in full" to a \$18,500 note for a new fire truck they purchased two years ago. From left to right, John Patterson, secretary; Paul Bell, treasurer; Johnny McKinney, assistant chief; and Wayne Self, fire chief.

Mark George Wins Trophy As MVP

City '72 Tax Levy Only 43.6% Paid

As December wanes, city and county tax collectors are expecting to be kept quite busy, as two percent penalty applies January 3 on all unpaid 1972 ad valorem tax bills.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., reported the city's 1972 levy of \$368,222 only 43.6 percent paid, which he described as "low".

Total payments to date are \$160,688.

Mrs. Turner Fetes Co-Workers

Mrs. Martha Hicks Turner entertained her co-workers of Little Moo of Shelby at a Christmas dinner Monday evening at her home in Grover.

Supper was served buffet-style to 25 employees and their families.

Tables were decorated in Christmas red and green and decorated with candles. A Christmas tree decked with red birds was in the family room and a large lighted tree was in the living room.

Mrs. David Thomas assisted Mrs. Turner in entertaining. Guests, who were dressed in formal attire, exchanged Christmas gifts during the evening.

School Bond Election Facts

Here are the facts on the upcoming Kings Mountain District Schools \$2.5 million bond election Saturday:

Polls Open: 6:30 a.m.
Polls Close: 7:30 p.m.
Polling Places:
East KM: City Hall.
West KM: Armory.
Bethware: Bethware School.
Grover: Grover Rescue Squad.

Extensive Refurbishing For Joy Theatre: New Seats, New Marquee

Stewart and Everett Theatres, owners of Joy Theatre in Kings Mountain, have announced plans to re-model the Joy.

Eugene McSwain, manager of the theatre, said work will begin immediately and should be completed in early January.

Plans include replacing all seats, carpeting the lobby and theatre areas, installing new wall fabrics, a new marquis and lights, painting inside and out, and re-finishing the screen.

McSwain said workers will begin tearing out some of the seats right away. He said the new seats will be regular theatre seats but will be up-to-date.

When work is completed, the theatre will seat approximately 450 persons. It presently seats approximately 700. McSwain said there would be no balcony seats and the downstairs seats would be wider.

"There will be a 40' base between rows," he said, "and we'll have only two aisles instead of three, which we now have."

McSwain said current plans are to close the theatre from January 8-12 and have one showing on Jan. 12.

The outside lights, he said, will be modern fluorescent lights instead of neon.

Junior High Major Project In Expansion

By GARY STEWART

Voters in the Kings Mountain school district will go to the polls Saturday to decide whether or not the school will receive \$2.5 million for a new junior high school and other building improvements.

The schools are asking for a new junior high at a site near the high school plant and improvements at the system's five elementary schools.

The total number of persons qualified to vote in the election is 5,835 but Supt. Don Jones said Wednesday he had no idea what kind or response there would be.

"We haven't taken any official surveys," said Jones. "We've tried to talk to as many people as possible and we've had a lot of favorable support. However, I am sure some opposition too."

Jones added that he thinks "we have got a lot of important information to the people through the newspapers, radio and meetings. If the people realize this is the last chance we'll have to hold a bond election of our own, then I don't think we'll have too many problems."

Although no official surveys have been held, indications are that the bond issue will pass. There has been strong talk that if it fails, Kings Mountain would be forced to consolidate with Shelby and Cleveland County schools in the near future.

Shelby voters passed a \$100,000 bond issue this year and school officials report that "their buildings are now in excellent shape." Several persons have indicated that "Shelby voters would not pass a future bond issue which would help Kings Mountain."

Law passed earlier this year prohibits individual school systems such as Kings Mountain to call for a bond election after July 1, 1973. Thus, any future bond elections must be on a county-wide basis, and since Shelby's buildings are in good shape for many years, local school officials feel that a county-wide bond election would not pass.

According to Jones, the present high school plant here was designed to house no more than 1,000 students. There are currently over 1,200 students enrolled there.

If the bond issue passes, ninth grade students would be housed in the new junior high school, leaving the high school with only three grades and less than 1,000 students. Eighth and ninth graders would go to the junior high and Central School would serve as a middle school for sixth and seventh graders. The district's five elementary schools would include a kindergarten through grade five.

Although a new junior high is the main need, school officials also feel the need for an auditorium and improvements at the elementary schools. Jones said the auditorium would serve both the schools and the community. Jones pointed out that every school in the district is overcrowded. Buses and trailers are currently being used for classrooms at several schools and some of the schools need freezer rooms to store food, Jones said.

At the high school, Mrs. Cozelle Vance, Dean of Women, currently uses an office which was designed as a book room. One of the ticket offices at the gym was also made into an office and books are being stored in an elevator shaft.

"We need these improvements badly," said Jones. "I hope every qualified voter will come to the polls Saturday."

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Polling places are City Hall, The Armory, Bethware School and Grover Rescue Squad building. Jones said election board officials will be at his office Saturday to count the votes. Voters of Waco district eligible to vote will vote at Bethware school.

IN WASHINGTON

Harley Wells, Dixon Community president has returned to the U. S. Soldiers Home in Washington, D. C. His mailing address is U. S. Soldiers Home, Washington, D. C. 20315.



SPEAKER — Governor Robert Scott will dedicate the state's fourth Welcome Center here on Thursday at 10 a.m.

Scott Speaker For Dedication

Governor Robert W. Scott will dedicate North Carolina's fourth Welcome Center on Thursday with official ceremonies.

The dedication will be held at 10 a. m. at the site on Interstate 85 near the South Carolina line outside Kings Mountain. The dedication is open to the public.

In addition to providing rest facilities and literature, the center will be staffed by hostesses who will assist travelers in planning itineraries.

North Carolina's three other centers are located on the Virginia line at I-85 near Henderson, I-95 near Roanoke Rapids and I-40 on the Tennessee line near Waynesville. Plans are to have Welcome Centers on all Interstate entry points. The original Welcome Center program was approved by the 1967 General Assembly.

Governor Scott will be introduced by Charles Barbour, director of the state's Travel and Promotion Division of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources. The Travel and Promotion division is in charge of the centers.

Robert E. Leak, director of the Office of Industrial, Tourist and Community Resources will be the master of ceremonies. The color guard will be provided by the North Carolina National Guard, 105th Engineer Battalion, Charlotte. The Kings Mountain wind ensemble of Kings Mountain high school will provide the national anthem.

Toys For Tots Project Begins

Kings Mountain Jaycees are continuing to accept good, new or used toys for their Operation Toys For Tots project.

Bob Myers, president of the group, said that any persons wishing to donate a toy may leave it at the Jaycees' Christmas tree lot at the corner of Mountain and Battleground (old Ted Gamble Gulf Station).

Myers said the Jaycees will repair any repairable toys and distribute them to needy children in the area.

Joe King is chairman of the project.

Next Week's Herald Will Be Day Early

Next week's edition of the Herald will come out a day early.

The paper will be printed on Tuesday night and will be dated Wednesday.

The edition will include Christmas features and greetings from merchants, in addition to regular news content.

Pictures to be used should be brought to the Herald no later than Friday. News matter should be received by Tuesday morning.

Deadline for advertisers will be moved up one day. Thus, ads should be received by 2 p. m. Monday.