

## 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 14,890 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,124 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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PRICE TEN CENTS

# Commission Moves Toward Lower Electrical Rates

## School At 9:30 If No More Snow

### Schools Take Snow-Enforced 3-Day Respite

Kings Mountain District schools were scheduled to re-open, this morning on a revised schedule, providing no snow fell during the night Wednesday.

Supt. Don Jones said all schools will open one hour later than usual so bus drivers have ample time to assure that students are transported safely.

Jones traveled all of the district's bus routes Wednesday. "The roads looked pretty good," he said, "but there were a few icy spots. We called those drivers and cautioned them."

The three missed days will not cause any problems for local school officials since the school board had included three inclement weather days in the 1972-73 calendar. Those days are April 16-18.

Jones said Jan. 19 had been set aside as an evaluation day for teachers and an off day for students. "However," he said, "we will probably have school on Jan. 19 and re-schedule the evaluation day for Jan. 27. I am going to recommend that at Monday night's board meeting."

If the board okays that recommendation and there are no more missed days because of weather, the third inclement weather day will be added to spring vacation, Jones noted.

## Rescue Squad Had Busy '72

Members of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad answered 1,204 calls, stood 17,174 man hours on duty, trips, meeting and training; rescue vehicles traveled 24,016 miles during the past year.

Car accidents accounted for 184 trips, there were three calls for motorcycle accidents. Four hundred and 83 trips were for transportation of patients to or from the Kings Mountain hospital also 34 blood relays were made for the hospital. Shootings accounted for 12 calls and cuttings 14. There were 43 service calls and 40 miscellaneous calls made. Twenty-one trips were made to medical clinics in town.

The squad answered 12 dead on arrival calls, directed funeral traffic 63 times and conducted eight search parties for missing persons, nine trips were false alarm calls and all squad members were called to assist in draggings operations at two downings.

Out of town trips for the year were: 42 to Charlotte hospitals, 35 to Gaston Memorial hospital, 20 to Cleveland Memorial, 20 to Shelby Convalescent Center, three to Durham, three to Brough hospital, four to Veterans hospital in Orton and others to Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Spartanburg, S. C., Lexington, S. C. and Rock Hill, S. C.

Stand-by duty conducted by the members were for 41 fires, 40 Crossroads Music Park shows, all local baseball, football and basketball games, Little League play-off, the Turkey Bowl in November and a boxing tournament in February, the July 4th celebration and other events held at the

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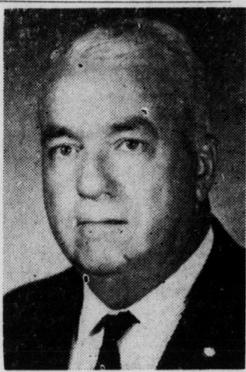
## Revenue-Sharing Check \$61,253

The city has received this week its second revenue-sharing check for \$61,253.

The first was \$63,248, making a total of \$124,501, or 95 percent of the initially indicated amount.

The revenue-sharing coordinator, in a letter accompanying the second check, said the withholding was to provide funds for late-coming applicants, such as certain areas in Alaska and Indian reservations, and for updating, where indicated, of 1970 census figures.

The funds have been invested on interest-bearing bank certificates.



REAPPOINTED — Carl Wilson has been reappointed to a five-year term on the board of the Kings Mountain Housing Authority.

## McDevitt Gives IAPC Report

It was 16 months old, but Chief of Police Tom McDevitt read it to the city commission Monday night anyway.

It was report on a study of the Kings Mountain Department by the International Association of Police Chiefs.

Chief McDevitt commented, "Two thirds of the recommendations already have been implemented."

In other actions, the board: 1) Re-appointed Carl F. Wilson to a five-year term as a member of Kings Mountain Housing Authority.

2) Voted to invite bids on all city insurance, hospitalization, public liability, workmen's compensation and fire, to be received January 26.

3) Appointed Bobby Seal volunteer fireman.

4) Named the Mayor the city's representative to the Cleveland County water policy committee. An appointee had been requested by the county commission.

Former KMHS football coach Bill Bates, high school faculty member, will be the speaker at next Thursday night's banquet honoring the Optimist Peewee and Mighty Mite teams at the Optimist clubhouse.

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Mr. Burns reminded team members if they haven't yet turned in their equipment to do so as soon as possible.

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## SPO Asking For Student Board Member

The Kings Mountain board of education will likely have a student member on its board in the near future.

Supt. Don Jones said that the Student Participation Organization (SPO) at Kings Mountain High School has requested that a student be appointed to sit in on all board meetings.

"I will recommend that the board study this possibility when we meet Monday night," Jones said today. "Of course, our charter would prohibit a person to have voting rights out our meetings are open and anyone is free to attend them."

The meeting Monday is set for 7:30 p.m. at the school administration office.

Jones said the board will probably also appoint an architect for Kings Mountain's new junior high school. Other items of business include personnel changes and discussion of the school calendar.

## Joy Re-Opens Friday at 8

Joy Theatre, closed since Sunday for remodeling purposes, will reopen Friday night at 8 o'clock with the showing of "Where Does It Hurt."

Eugene McSwain, manager of Kings Mountain's only indoor theatre, said remodeling work will not be completely finished due to the recent snow and other problems which weren't anticipated.

Workmen were scheduled to begin installing new seats this morning, however, McSwain said they would not be able to install all 425 seats by Friday.

The inside painting and wall work is completed, McSwain said, but the outside will have to wait until the weather is warmer.

McSwain noted that the new fluorescent lights are already installed but there is still work to be done on the concession stand.

The theatre is to be completely carpeted in red, but McSwain said he received word this week that the carpet will not arrive until Jan. 28. Thus, the theatre will not be completely finished until around Feb. 1.

The most noticeable change at present is in the lobby, where paneling has been installed and new entrances built at each end.

When the seats are completely installed, the theatre will show only two aisles, with small rows of seats on each side and large rows in the middle.

## Jerry Trammell In New Office

Jerry Trammell, attorney-at-law, has opened his own office at 146 West Mountain street, the former Chamber of Commerce building beside of Dellinger's.

Mr. Trammell was previously associated with the law firm of J. Roan Davis and Jack H. White.

His new location became effective January 1.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Eva Willis Patterson; one son, Horace Willis Patterson of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Rick Crane of Shelby, Mrs. Bobby Riley and Miss Pam Patterson, both of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Charles Patterson, Audie Patterson and Walter Patterson, all of Cherryville; and five sisters, Mrs. Tom Benton of Blacksburg, S. C., Mrs. Marie Willie, Mrs. Carroll Willie, Mrs. Charles Willie, and Mrs. Keith Beam, all of Cherryville.



AREA'S FIRST BABY — Jerry Evans Parker, first baby of New Year 1973 in the Kings Mountain area, is pictured with his mother, Mrs. Carl Evans Parker. The first arrival is fourth child and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans Parker of route three. The baby arrived at 8:56 a.m. New Year's Day at Kings Mountain hospital with Dr. Charles Adams as attending physician. Grandparents are Mrs. L. B. Alexander of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Parker of Shelby. (Photo by Isaac Alexander)

## \$477,150 Sewage Grant Approved

### Pilot Creek Treatment Plant To Be Doubled

A federal grant of \$477,150 for City of Kings Mountain sewage system improvements has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, Jack E. Ravan, Atlanta regional administrator, has announced.

The grant approval was included in a total grant of \$8.3 made to North Carolina cities under the federal water pollution control act.

Kings Mountain's grant, which had the endorsement of the state's board of water and natural resources, will be used to double the capacity of the Pilot Creek sewage treatment plant to four million gallons daily, plus construction of interceptor and outfall sewers, pumping station and force main.

Pending is application to the state agency for a grant of \$159,045 for the \$768,410 project.

The city's share would be \$132,235, if the state application is approved.

Mayor John Henry Moss said, "I am highly pleased at the federal approval and feel the state agency will also provide its share."



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP AT HIGH MARK—The five women pictured above are all smiles at report of the 1972-73 membership figures of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 155. The Kings Mountain Unit initiated 42 new members Thursday night, bringing to 110 the number of members now in the organization. Mrs. Robert Ruff, Vice President, second from right, receives two certificates as green thumb go-getter, signing 20 new senior members during the period. Unit President Elizabeth Stewart, left, conducted the program, assisted by the other women pictured. From left, Miss Stewart, Mrs. W. A. Christenson, Mrs. Jackie D. Barrett, Mrs. Robert Ruff and Mrs. Leonard Gamble. (Herald Photo by Isaac Alexander)

## New Year's Power Bills Anger Citizens

By MARTIN HARMON

In the wake of many complaints on the amounts of power bills due January 1, the city commission Monday night instructed their electrical engineering consultant to re-study the city's power distribution operations with the aim downward revision of the new rate schedule adopted in November.

The commission had adopted the report of Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc., presented to the city under date of October 24, 1972. The study was based, Southeastern said, on the fiscal year 1972 power operations. Recommendations were designed to include higher power costs to the city, result of rate increases allowed the city's supplier, Duke Power Company.

Biggest outcry from customers came from residential users. Southeastern had recommended an increase of 33.8 percent. But the customers reported increases of 40 to 50 percent.

Other recommendations of the engineers, all adopted:

Outside residential, increase of 9.6 percent.

Inside commercial, 14.8 percent.

Outside commercial, 5.2 percent less.

Housing Authority, 59.9 percent increase.

Special rate (all-electric residential) same.

Before adopting the Southeastern report—actually Duke's "R"—the city commission had indicated it would simply pass on to customers the amount of Duke's increase.

However, the engineers, in recommending Duke's schedules predicted an annual revenue increase of \$161,550, with a net revenue increase of \$108,245.

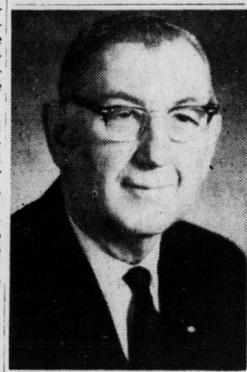
The engineers predicted, "If the proposed rates are adopted, the increased revenue can be utilized to bring capital outlay to five percent and new revenue to 35 percent of total revenue, in addition to recovering the (\$53,305) fuel charge."

The engineers concluded, "The adoption of the proposed retail rates in an amount sufficient to offset the increased power cost and restore net revenue to the thirty-five percent level."

## WORKSHOP TODAY

A substitute teacher workshop will be conducted today from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the school administration building at 500 W. Parker street for persons interested in doing substitute teaching in the system. There is no charge for registration or participation.

## Clyde W. Kerns Rites Conducted



RE-ELECTED — John L. McGill has been re-elected chairman of the Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

## PHA Re-elects McGill, Tate

John L. McGill was re-elected chairman of Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority at Tuesday's annual meeting. Brooks R. Tate was re-elected vice-chairman.

Other members are Carl F. Wilson, William Orr and Martin Harmon.

The authority was constituted by the city commission six years ago, now rents 209 low rent housing units in ten areas, 50 of the units under lease from private developers.

Mr. McGill has been chairman and Mr. Tate vice-chairman since the authority was constituted.

Thomas W. Harper, director, reported one vacancy, with more than 300 applicants on the waiting list.

The authority, with approval to construct an additional 100 units, has purchased four adjacent lots on Ark street from Neisler Brothers, Inc., where eight units will be built. Purchase price for the 1.13 acre tract (approximately 374 street frontage by 150 deep) was \$2100.

The authority adopted a resolution to take condemnation actions, which Mr. Harper labeled "friendly", to acquire property of the Will Rainey Heirs, 70 x 142 feet at the corner of East Ridge street and McGill Court, and a portion of the property of Fred Herndon Heirs, 63 x 70 feet, adjacent to authority property on McGill Court. Housing units will be built on the Rainey property and an addition to the offices for storage of equipment will be built on the Herndon property.

## Supper Benefit Set Jan. 27

All proceeds from a hot dog supper January 27th at Grover Elementary school will go to the Cleveland County Association for Retarded Children.

The benefit is sponsored by Bethany Baptist church of Grover.

Serving of hotdogs with all the trimmings and homemade cakes will begin at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria, said a spokesman.

## First 1973 Snowfall Is Melting, Slowly; Street Crews Pushed

Kings Mountain's first snowfall of the winter was gradually melting away Wednesday as the weatherman forecast a 50 percent chance of more white stuff today.

Five inches of snow reportedly fell Sunday, causing no major problems and bringing smiles to the faces of hundreds of school children who received three days off from their studies.

Police reported that the snow caused several minor accidents but no major damage or injuries were reported.

Traffic was light Monday as

## Long Illness Proves Fatal To Executive

Funeral rites for Clyde Wilmoth Kerns, 68, retired president of Kerns Brothers Trucking Company, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church of which he was a member.

His pastor, Rev. Robert E. Allen, officiated at the final rites and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jack White, Bobby Bridges, Tom Popes, Paul Robertson, David Royster and Mayor John H. Moss.

Mr. Kerns died Sunday night in Shelby Convalescent Center after illness of several years.

A native of Rowan County, he was son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Ross Kerns. A resident of Kings Mountain since 1940, he and his brother, James Kerns, founded Kerns Trucking Company in 1934. He was a director of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association and of City Auto & Truck Parts.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nancy Hill Kerns; one son, Johnny Kerns of Kings Mountain; two brothers, James Kerns of Kings Mountain and Hugh Kerns of Elverson, Pa.; one sister, Mrs. Glenn Trexler of Granite Quarry, N. C. and two grandchildren.

## Snow Postpones Basketball Game

The Kings Mountain-Cherryville basketball doubleheader was postponed for the second time Wednesday night because of weather conditions.

Coach Allen Dixon said that there's a possibility the game might be played here Saturday night.

The KMHS wrestling team is scheduled for a home match tonight and the cagers are at Shelby Friday, thus, Saturday is the earliest possible date that KM and Cherryville can get together.

## Mrs. Ramsey's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Marie Hord Ramsey, 64, of 615 Floyd street, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. from East Side Baptist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Ramsey died Friday in Kings Mountain hospital after illness of several years.

She is survived by one son, Eugene Roper of Kingston; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Boheler of Kings Mountain; one brother, J. C. Hord of Cherryville; two sisters, Mrs. R. M. Bridwell and Mrs. Irene Brymer, both of Atlanta, Ga.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.