

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 Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Eighty-Fourth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

City-Wide Thanksgiving For Peace Service Sunday

K Mills, Inc. Is Building Office Addition

K Mills, Inc. is building a major addition to its office at its plant on Marie street.

The firm has purchased city building permit for a 40 x 40 foot addition, estimated to cost \$28,000.

Lowry Hood, of Mt. Holly, is architect and Robertson-Davis, of Gastonia, is contractor.

Also purchasing building permits during the past week was Camp Development Corporation to build two six-room homes, estimated cost \$17,000 each, at 415 and 419 Scotland Drive.

Other permits: Don Ware, 409 Candler Street, \$300 utility building and demolition permit for two storage buildings.

Ivan M. Lawson, trailer placement, Second Street Extension. Robert Ivey, Stinnett Acres, trailer placement.

KMHS Choir To Clinics

The Kings Mountain high school choir is among 300 high school singers from the western half of North Carolina and eastern Tennessee who will attend the 25th annual choral clinic, Feb. 9 and 10 at Mars Hill college.

Dr. Daniel Moe, director of choral activities at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Ohio, will serve as guest director for the "silver anniversary" of the clinic, one of the oldest in the nation according to Joel Stegall, music department and choir director at Mars Hill.

Two public concerts will be given in conjunction with clinic. The first will be Friday, Feb. 9, by the Mars Hill College choir; the second will be Saturday, Feb. 10 by the clinic choir. Both concerts will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in Moore Auditorium.

Moe will conduct the clinic choir in numbers by Bach, Haydn, Schumann, Handel and in two of his own compositions. "Stranger, Share Our Fire" and "Soprano to the Son of David."

Meeks Sentence Is Suspended

A Kings Mountain man pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious bodily injury, in Cleveland County Superior Court Friday morning.

Thomas Meeks, 43 of 411 Children street, pleaded guilty to the July 18, 1972 pistol shooting of Willie Smith.

Judge W. K. McLean gave Meeks a two-year suspended jail term and placed him on a probation for five years. He also ordered Meeks to pay into the office of the clerk of Superior Court \$10 per week for three years. At the end of that period the money is to be turned over to Smith for damages suffered.

Meeks was also ordered not to possess or drink liquor nor to possess a firearm for five years.

Another Record Year—Best Ever—At Home S & L; Assets \$19,313,697

Home Savings & Loan Association had a record year—its 49th—in 1972.

At the recent annual meeting, shareholders heard reports on the 1972 operations and re-elected directors. Following the meeting, directors re-elected officers.

Highlights of the report, presented by Thomas A. Tate, executive vice-president, were: Assets increased 24.2 percent, or \$3,762,228, to \$19,313,697. Savings increased 21.5 percent, or \$3,039,053, to \$17,172,916.

Mortgage loans increased 21.2 percent, or \$2,861,345, to \$16,365,845.

Dividends paid shareholders totaled a record \$831,155. The association added \$121,864 to its reserves, which at year-end included \$258,702 in the reserve account for bad debts, and \$748,518 in the federal insurance reserve account, both the reserve funds totaling \$1,007,220.

Other association assets included \$282,234 in cash, \$1,639,009 in state and federal government

Incidence Of Influenza Is Heavy

Former Roller Mill Property Acquired



CONTESTANT — Judy Rayfield, Kings Mountain junior at Western Carolina University, is a contestant in the "Miss Catamount" pageant to be held in Cullowhee February 5-7.

Judy Rayfield In WCU Pageant

Miss Judy Rayfield, junior voice student of Dr. Temple Smith at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, is a contestant in the "Miss Catamount" pageant to be held on the WCU campus February 5-7.

The Kings Mountain student, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rayfield, will be sponsored by Theta Xi Fraternity.

She is member and soloist of the University Concert Choir which will go on tour in the state in February. Miss Rayfield was selected to sing at the Madrigal Christmas dinners held on campus and also had a leading role in the musical play, "Fantasies" which was presented by the Music Department of WCU.

A member of the Choir of Patterson Grove Baptist church she is also director of the Patterson Grove Youth Choir.

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West Gold Tract Bought For CBD Redevelopment

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission has purchased from Mauney Mills, Inc., a portion of the former Ware & Sons roller mill property, among the properties the commission requires to implement the central business district redevelopment project.

The property, for which the commission paid \$18,000, contains approximately 32,500 square feet. It fronts 233 feet on West Gold street, and 182 feet on Railroad.

The trapezoidal-shaped tract line then goes northward 233 feet and northeast along the Phifer lot 95 feet.

Purchase price was \$18,000. The remaining portion of the original Ware property is now partially occupied by Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics, Inc. Purchase price by Mauney Mills for the total original tract was \$35,000.

Gene White, director of the redevelopment commission, said the central business project plan calls for a change in the West Gold street location to eliminate the present Gold street rail crossing.

Meantime the redevelopment commission and the City of Kings Mountain are seeking replacement of the crossing with an underpass.

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Adults Seem More Susceptible Than Youngsters

By GARY STEWART

Many Kings Mountain citizens are out of work and school absenteeism has skyrocketed due to a recent outbreak of the flu.

Whether or not the bug which has struck local people is the London flu has not been determined, according to a local physician. "We have sent some tests to Atlanta to determine whether or not it's the London flu," he said, "but most likely it is."

The doctor, who did not want to be identified, said that he has been seeing about 40 to 50 cases a day, a one-third increase of what he normally sees.

The flu is apparently affecting all ages as both the Kings Mountain District Schools and local plants report excessive absences.

The personnel manager of one local plant reported that his absenteeism has doubled over the past month. And, things don't appear to be getting better, he said. "It appears to be leveling off somewhat," he noted, "but I don't think it's going away. People that I've talked to that have had it say they've never had anything to compare with it. It really gets you down."

School officials report that absenteeism almost doubled during the past week and most of the absences were related to flu. The bug has also affected many teachers.

A local druggist reported his prescription service for flu-related viruses has shown an increase of about 40 percent since the first of the year. He added the flu seems to be at its peak now.

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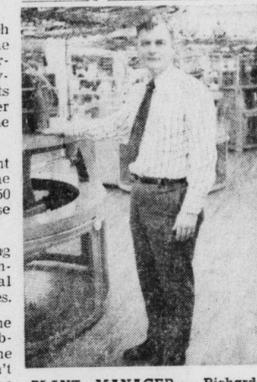
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Lake Vandalism? Police Checking



PLANT MANAGER — Richard Long has assumed new duties as plant manager of Carlton's Knitting Division here.

Carlton Yarns Taps Long

Charles W. Hammer, Vice President of Manufacturing at Carlton, Incorporated, has announced the appointment of Richard H. Long as Plant Manager of Carlton's Knitting Division at Kings Mountain.

Mr. Long, formerly of Durham, and wife, Joan Newell of Richmond, Va., live with their two children in Sunbeam Acres in Cherryville.

Mr. Long was recently employed at the Pinnacle Plant of Burlington Industries in Cherryville and had been associated with that firm for the past five years.

He is a graduate of Catawba College in Salisbury, N. C., where he majored in Business Administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Long are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Cherryville and he teaches Sunday School for Young Adults. He is active in the Cherryville Optimist Club as their program director and has been a member of the Kiwanis and Jaycees.

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No Service Cuts During Second Crisis

The city had its second water crisis in three weeks last Thursday, as the pumps at the Buffalo Lake treatment sank again. But the plant was back in operation Thursday night, without any cutbacks of service.

"We were better prepared the second time," Mayor John Henry Moss commented. He referred to the fact of "spare pumps on hand"—the city's which had sunk January 12, and which had been prepared in anticipated the borrowed one to the regional civil defense agency.

Meantime, the State Bureau of Investigation, has joined Sheriff Haywood Allen and Chief of Police Tom McDevitt in seeking to determine whether vandalism or other skulduggery might have been involved in one or both sinkings of the temporary pumps, doing their job from pontoons.

Col. W. K. Dickson, the city's engineer, thinks there might have been, particularly the sinking discovered last Thursday morning.

Full pumpage was restored last Friday when the second pump was installed. The plant is now capable of pumping 4,500,000 gallons daily.

Though no SOS had been issued to any user to pare usage, Mayor Moss noted, Spectrum Textured Fibers, one of the city's largest users, cut back voluntarily.

"The fact of pumps on hand and the experience of the first crisis made the quick restoration of operations possible," the Mayor said, adding, "the 'thank you' list is the same as two weeks before, with some additions."

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HONORED — L. A. Wolfe, Sr., Gaston County dairyman who was a founder of Sunrise Dairy, has honored recently by the North Carolina Dairy Products Association with the 1972 Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented at a concluding banquet of the association's 39th annual convention in Pinehurst.

Tax Listing To End Friday

Friday is the final day for listing property for 1973 ad valorem taxes.

The last-minute rush has been on this week, Edwin Moore, Number 4 Township tax lister said Wednesday. At one time Monday citizens wanting to list were queuing into the City Hall lobby.

Mr. Moore thinks the final township total will prove larger in number than last year.

"There are many new citizens listing this year," he commented, adding that a number who listed by mail last year are listing their properties at City Hall this year.

All property owners are required to list personal property for taxes. Realty is carried from year to year. However, any who have sold or otherwise transferred property during 1972 should report the transaction.

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Pastors, City Are Sponsoring Celebration

"Thanksgiving for Peace" services will be held in virtually all Kings Mountain churches Sunday morning.

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and the City of Kings Mountain are sponsoring the services which culminate a celebration of "special Thanksgiving" designated in the city by the mayor and city commission.

"To give thanks for peace and to honor and express our most humble and sincere appreciation to all veterans and servicemen and their families; to those who made the supreme sacrifice of giving their lives and to their families; to those who are missing in action and their families and to all prisoners of war and their families" will be expressed in the worship services.

A resolution establishing the time between Wednesday, January 31 and Sunday, February 4th, as a special period of "Thanksgiving for Peace" in Kings Mountain was signed by Mayor John H. Moss and Commissioners Ray Cline of Ward I; W. S. Biddix of Ward II; T. J. Ellison of Ward III; Norman King of Ward IV; Jonas Bridges of Ward V and Jim Dickey of Ward VI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, that the period of time between Wednesday, January 31, 1973 and Sunday, February 4th, be, and it hereby is, proclaimed as a special period of "Thanksgiving for Peace" in the City of Kings Mountain, and that this period be, and hereby is, dedicated to the proposition that the ending of the war is a first step toward building peace in Indochina and Southeast Asia and a lasting and enduring peace in our world, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all churches in the City of Kings Mountain and area join with the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association to hold