

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 16,890 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

Approval Of \$556,675 Sewer Grant Is Announced

Clean-Up Drive Begins On April 1

City-Wide Beautification Project Set

Ward IV Commissioner Norman King will chair the city's month-long Clean-Up-Paint-Up-Fix-Up promotion April 1-May 1. The board of commissioners Monday night approved recommendation of the mayor for the beautification project and tapped King as chairman.

The city will share in one-third of the cost of tearing down old residential and out buildings not of commercial nature. Comm. Kings said other members of his committee will be announced next week and that Scouts and other civic groups will be asked to aid the promotion.

"In the spring our thoughts turn to working outside and beautifying our homes and we invite everyone in the city to help make this project a success," said King.

Methodists Set Third Study Sunday

A third discussion panel on India will feature the mission study course at Central United Methodist church Sunday night at 7:15 p.m. The program is third in a series of mission studies and will follow a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Dixon Choir Benefit Set

The Dixon Presbyterian Church choir will sponsor a hot dog and hamburger supper Saturday from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. There will be no charge for the supper but donations will be accepted for the choir's piano fund.

LBJ's Widow Sends Card

Mrs. Madge H. Arrowood of Kings Mountain long active in the Democratic party, received this week a thank you note from the widow of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The engraved card was mailed by Mrs. Johnson from the LBJ ranch in Stonewall, Texas. It reads: "1908-1973. Lyndon Baines Johnson - All our families deeply appreciate your prayers and sympathy during our greatest sorrow." It was signed Lady Bird Johnson, Luci Johnson Nugent and Lynda Johnson Robbs.

City Board Calls Public Hearing On Dog Ordinance For March 27

A public hearing on the city's proposed dog law will be conducted March 27th by the city board of commissioners. The city commission discussed adoption of a dog fencing and leash law at Monday night's regular meeting with Comm. Jonas Bridges, committee chairman, outlining recommendations of his committee. Mr. Bridges said his committee recommends that: 1) adoption of a fence and leash ordinance requiring dogs either to be behind a fence or on a leash at all times; 2) employment of a dog warden to catch any or all dogs loose and to take them to the

City Vs. Clines Re-Opens Monday



MAN OF YEAR - W. Seimore Biddix has been honored for the fourth year as "Man of the Year" by Sturdivant Life Insurance Company which he joined five years ago.

Biddix Again Man Of Year

Ward II City commissioner W. Seimore Biddix has won Sturdivant's Insurance Company's "Man of the Year" honor for the fourth year, a company record. The Kings Mountain man joined the insurance firm five years ago and served as president of its key Producers club for four years. He serves this year as vice-president.

Comm. Biddix is superintendent of the Sunday School of East Gold Wesleyan church and a Mason. He and his wife are parents of five daughters and there are five granddaughters.

Presbyterians Set Study Course

A Bible Study Course on the Book of Exodus is being conducted on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian church. Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor, is leading the study which is under sponsorship of Women of the church. The interested community is invited to attend.

MISSION STUDY

Mrs. Cal Fisher is leading a mission study on Romans Sunday evening from 6:30 until 7:45 p.m. at Grace United Methodist church. The mission study will continue on Sunday, March 25th, and Sunday, April 8th.

2 Tracts Remain Among 72 Project Requires

City of Kings Mountain vs. John Cline, et al and City of Kings Mountain vs. A. B. Cline, et al, are on the agenda of the two week term of Cleveland County Civil Superior Court opening Monday in Shelby. The city is seeking via condemnation two Buffalo Creek properties: a 104-acre parcel owned by John D. Cline and a 106-acre parcel owned by Ambrose Cline.

Both cases will be heard by Judge W. K. McLean in Superior Court next week.

The two Cline properties are the only remaining tracts of 72 required by the city for completion of the Kings Mountain Water Project on Buffalo Creek. Jurors for the first week of Superior Court are Alice C. Raper, Edward Andrew Self, Charlie Grier, Geraldine Harris Greene, Clarence Marion Walker, Joel D. Mode, R. E. Barnett, Suzanne Gibbs, Norman L. Lowery, Lula Ruth Allen, Clara R. Home, Mae G. Love, Effie M. Murphy, Carol Lever, John Stanley McNeilly, Mrs. J. Charles Cabaniss, Rayvon W. White, Ruth Henderson Johnson, Matilda Ann Dixon, Mary Lou Glenn, Mrs. Cecil Jones, Glenn W. Ballard, Ozelle Brooks, Charles Ernest Anderson, Jessie Pearl Carpenter, Vance Lee Goodman, George Lemuel Cochran, Eugene Webber, Jr., Ernest E. Luckado, Cleat Costner, Calvin C. Lingerfelt, Clem Wright, Donald Sellers, Sr., William Dwight Ledbetter, Robert White Abrams, Della Faye Chapman, Elaine H. Stone, Mattie Hipps Edwards, James F. Graham, Hugh Lowery Kendrick, Thomas Lee Wilson, Raymond Champion, Andy Huffstetler, Elizabeth Greenway, Leatha Tarlton, Florence Hoyle, John (Continued On Page Six)

City Updating Zoning Maps

The city commission Monday night contracted with Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Division of Community Services, for a study updating the city's zoning ordinances and zoning ordinances and zoning base maps under a HUD grant. The state share for the project is \$6,400 while the city will pay \$1,600 for the study which begins May 15th.

Four Jailed Following Robbery

Armed robberies at Liberty Loan and McGill's Esso, a break-in and larceny at Kings Mountain Farm Center and a rash of minor vandalism kept city police on the run during the past week. Police have made several charges as a result of the crimes but some of the lesser crimes are still unsolved.

Miles E. Boyce of Kings Mountain was charged with armed robbery following a Thursday stickup at Liberty Loan. C. B. Green, manager of the firm, reported that the loan company was relieved of \$200.

According to reports from the loan company and police, a black male came into the company at 1:30 p.m. Thursday to talk to Green about a loan. When he was refused the loan, he reportedly pulled a small calibre pistol and fired it toward the floor several times, but the gun did not fire. He then shut employees of the company in a restroom and helped himself to the \$200.

Police combed an area near Watterson Street where the suspect was reportedly holed up in a relative's home. Several police-

men were reportedly shot at. The suspect reportedly ran from a house and was picked up by a motorist on Watterson Street. It was reported that the man drove him to Shelby, where he hailed a taxi to Gastonia and caught a bus to Charlotte.

He was apprehended at a bus terminal in Charlotte and had on his possession a bus ticket to New York City.

Two persons were arrested in Gastonia Sunday morning and charged with the Saturday night armed robbery of McGill's Esso. Charged were Sidney Boyd Eaves, 47, of Bessemer City, and Paul James Mincey, 24, of Ranlo. Norman F. McGill, owner of the service station, reported that he had just locked up Saturday night about 9:50 p.m. and was inside the station with the lights out when two males came to the door wanting cigarettes.

McGill said that when he opened the door one of the men pulled a shotgun and demanded money. The men took \$35 which was in McGill's wallet.

City police chief Tom McDevitt said police were alerted immediately and that about 15 minutes later, police found a car in which the men left McGill's at a local drive in restaurant. A person at the restaurant reported seeing five persons get into another car that had driven up behind the restaurant with the lights out.

An all-channels alert to area police was broadcast and Gaston County police reported having the suspects at 5 a.m. the next morning. A break-in at Kings Mountain Farm Center last Friday night netted thieves \$2,500 worth of chain saws and go-cart motors. According to police, a woman came to the police station at 5:30 a.m. and reported the break-in. Entry, police said, was gained by prying open the front door, the same method which thieves used to enter Plonk Brothers Department Store the week before.

Ted Ledford, owner of the store, reported that missing were three new McCulloch chain saws, one used Sears chain saw and three go-cart motors. Police reported the larceny of an auto from Ed Falls Used Car



FARM FAMILY OF YEAR - The Jack Hughes family of the Dixen community, above, has been honored as the area's Farm Family of the Year. Mr. Hughes and son, Mark, stand behind Mrs. Hughes, left, and daughter, Beth, as they admire the plaque emblematic of the honor. (Herald Photo by Gary Stewart)

Ab Yarbro's Condition Worsens

Alvin (Ab) Yarbro, Kings Mountain farmer and businessman who was shot six times and robbed several weeks ago as he went to his barn to feed cattle, was listed in poor condition Wednesday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Yarbro, 65, had been listed in good condition for several weeks after undergoing surgery the day of the shooting. However, a spokesman for the hospital said his condition changed suddenly Wednesday morning. No official reason for the change was given by the hospital but a reliable source told the Herald Wednesday afternoon that Yarbro had developed a blood clot after falling out of bed.

Meanwhile, the search goes on for his assailant but a spokesman for the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department said Wednesday that his department has no new leads since last week.

Although the incident took place on Yarbro's farm outside the city limits, Kings Mountain Police Chief Thomas McDevitt has worked long and hard on the case and has several good leads. In fact, McDevitt could be close to obtaining enough evidence for a warrant.

Yarbro was reportedly robbed of over \$5,000.

Hughes Family Is "Family Of Year"

Bell Announces New Agency Here

Southern Bell announced today that effective Monday, March 19, it will have a new collection agency in Kings Mountain. R. E. Moore, local manager, stated he was pleased to announce that all Southern Bell customers in the area may pay their bills at Bryant's Insurance Agency located at 146 West King Street in the bus station.

Friday, March 16, will be the last day Kings Mountain Savings and Loan will be taking telephone payments.

Mayor To Raleigh For Forum Today

Mayor John Henry Moss will go to Raleigh today to attend a forum on special revenue sharing on invitation of Governor Jim Holshouser.

The forum is sponsored by the State of North Carolina and Southeastern Federal Regional Council and will concern special revenue sharing, phasing down of certain federal programs and new legislative proposals and will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Highway Department building in Raleigh.

District FHA Honor Awarded Area Family

The Jack Hughes family of Route 2 has been named District Farmers Home Administration Family of the Year and is now in competition for state honors.

The Hughes family received its certificate last Friday from John Ed Davis, recently retired FHA supervisor.

The Hugheses operate a 499-acre turkey and cattle farm in the Dixen School Community. The 2.9-acre farm owned by the family was once operated by Jack Hughes' father, the late Conrad Hughes. Hughes rents an additional 120 acres giving him a capacity for 75,000 turkeys and 100 beef cattle.

In recommending the Hughes family for statewide competition, Davis said: "Mr. Hughes is one of the most outstanding farmers we have had on the farm ownership program in Cleveland County since the inception of the program. His operation is a model for other farmers. Even though he had very little education of a technical or scientific nature, he is recognized as one of the most knowledgeable men in his field in either North or South Carolina."

Hughes noted that it's "an honor to be selected as District Farm Family of the Year and we're tickled that we're competing for state honors. One man told me that it will be hard for us to win because people from our district have won for three years in a row. But another man told me that we'll stand a good chance of winning the state honors."

FHA personnel say that the Hughes farm is as automated as an operation of its type can be. (Continued on Page 6)

C of C Will Elect New Officers At Annual Dinner Meeting Monday

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce will elect officers and directors for 1973-74 at a dinner meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain Country Club.

The Chamber is reinstating its policy of holding annual meetings and anticipates a large crowd of members and their wives will attend. Tickets are \$3 per person and

Bid-Letting Target Date Late April

The city will let bids in late April for a major \$41,100 sewage project for which both federal and state grants have been approved.

The Department of Natural and Economic Resources has approved a 75 percent P. L. 939 Federal Grant to the city in the amount of \$17,150 and state grant in the amount of \$79,525.00 under ERA Project No. C374333 to aid in construction of interceptor sewer and additions to the city's existing wastewater treatment facilities.

The city's share of the \$641,100 project will be \$84,430. E. C. Hubbard, assistant director of the office of Water and Air Resources, informed Mayor John Moss of grant approvals this week.

The project: 1) calls for diverting one half million gallons of waste per day from the McGill Treatment Plant to the Pilot plant; 2) calls for doubling the capacity at the Pilot plant from two to four million gallons; and 3) calls for construction of collector lines in the northeast and northwest sections of the city which will serve 600 acres, not now served, including northwest of Copertown to Nebo Creek, crossing Candler street, Waco road and behind Country Club (Continued on Page 6)

Gamble Gulf Razed Monday

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission Monday began razing four downtown buildings. D. H. Griffin Company of Greensboro, which holds the demolition contracts, razed the old Gamble Gulf Station at the corner of Patterson street and Mountain and has three other buildings to demolish.

Gene White, commission director, said all the buildings should be demolished within a month.

Other buildings on the list include the former Mauney building, recently occupied by Grayson's Jewelry and Toney's Discount Store, the former McGinnis building occupied by McGinnis Cleaners, the vacant building formerly occupied by McGinnis Department Store annex and the former Ware & Sons Roller mill, which the commission acquired from Mauney Mills.

The Battleground Avenue properties will be offered for resale for development but the Roller Mill property on West Gold Street will be retained, pending the projected relocation of West Gold and an underpass under Southern Railway.

The commission previously razed the former offices of Dr. J. E. Ashby acquired from George Lohaweski and the former Kings Mountain Herald building, acquired from First Baptist Church.

Cline Tanned By EPIC Board

Ward I Commissioner Ray Cline has been designated as the city's representative on the board of Electric Power in Carolina, Inc. Comm. Cline was appointed by the city commission on recommendation of Mayor John Moss.

To provide low cost electric power to its 77 municipality members in the state is a aim of EPIC.

Mayor John Moss is a member of the board and has served on the board for several years. The mayor and Comm. Cline will attend the regional meeting of EPIC at Shelby's Holiday Inn Monday.

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