

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 6,924 from Number 5 Township, in Cleveland County and Crowders Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Ambrose Cline Drops Appeal In Buffalo Litigation

Court Hearing John D. Cline Appeal Action

By MARTIN HARMON

Respondents in City of Kings Mountain vs. John D. Cline Buffalo Lake condemnation action completed testimony Wednesday. The city, plaintiff, will present testimony Thursday in Cleveland Superior Court, Judge W. G. McLean presiding.

It is the last remaining property to which the city seeks title for the Buffalo Creek Lake water reservoir, Ambrose Cline having withdrawn Tuesday morning the appeal from a commissioner decision he had previously filed. Ambrose Cline therefore accepted the commissioner award of \$97,000. This is for an 106-acre tract, which includes a residence.

Jack White, who with Verne Shive are attorneys for the city, said Judge McLean, before trial began on the John Cline monetary award appeal, ruled that the city acted in good faith in saying it required the Cline property. The trial testimony which began Wednesday morning concerns the commissioner award of \$72,800 to John Cline, for an 104-acre tract which also includes a residence.

Among witnesses testifying for John D. Cline were Ralph Gilbert, a registered appraiser, farmers and neighbors.

Attorney White said he expected plaintiff's testimony will be completed Thursday.

Only other pending matter in the Buffalo Lake property acquisition is final settlement of a Superior Court jury's award of \$170,000 to W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Buford Cline, trading as Double B Ranch. The city entered notice of appeal.

Deadline Friday For Application

Deadline for accepting applications for clerk carrier positions at Kings Mountain Post Office is Monday, March 26th.

Postmaster Charles Alexander said a new supply of application blanks have been received and these forms may be obtained by contacting the postmaster.

Mrs. Markham's Rites Tuesday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Sadie Hackney Markham, 86, of Durham, mother of Mrs. Tolly M. Shuford of Kings Mountain, were conducted Tuesday afternoon from Durham's St. Philip's Episcopal church, interment following in Maplewood cemetery.

Mrs. Markham died Sunday morning at her home after declining health for several years. She was the widow of Charles Markham, former executive of Duke University, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Hackney.

In addition to her daughter and son-in-law here, Mrs. Markham is survived by one son, Charles Markham of Durham; and two daughters, Miss Eleanor Markham of Charlotte and Miss Sarah Markham of New York City; one sister, Mrs. L. M. Johnston of Guernseyville, Ga.; one grandson and two great grandchildren.

Rev. Eugene Bollinger officiated at the final rites.

Al Maino, 62, Dies In Wreck

Al Maino, 62, former general manager of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company's Neisler Division, was killed in an automobile accident in New Bedford, Massachusetts Sunday, friends here have learned.

Funeral rites for Mr. Maino were conducted Tuesday in New Bedford.

Mr. Maino came to Kings Mountain in the fall of 1959. He resigned in 1966 to enter the real estate business in New Bedford.

While in Kings Mountain the family occupied an apartment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Saunders.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maino.

Cansler Area Urban Renewal Work Underway As First House Is Razed

Mayor John Moss and Gene White, director of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, personally presided over the demolition of the first house to be razed in the Cansler Street urban renewal project Tuesday afternoon.

Demolition crews razed the house at 112 North City Street formerly owned and occupied by Buren Blanton. It's the first house of some 200 scheduled for demolition or rehabilitation in the \$3.8 million urban renewal program.

"This neighborhood will be one of the finest of its type in the Piedmont Carolinas," noted Mayor Moss as he watched workmen demolish the structure despite a heavy downpour of rain.

Moss pointed out that the federal government has allocated

over \$2.8 million for the program which will "place a large segment of the population in decent housing for the first time."

Moss pointed out the eventual following results of the Cansler project:

- 1) A pleasant, livable residential environment;
- 2) Safer and improved streets;
- 3) Larger and better designed residential lots;
- 4) Additional open space and recreational land;
- 5) Land uses appropriate to a residential environment;
- 6) Additional standard housing.

"The 110 acre area is the second urban renewal project to enter the execution stage and should raise the quality of living for all residents of Kings Mountain," Moss said.



RECEIVES AWARD — Mrs. Fate Arrowood, right, receives a 15-year service pin from P. H. Wilson, manager of Rose's Stores, Inc. of Kings Mountain. It's the fourth service pin Mrs. Arrowood has received since joining the local firm. (Photo by Gary Setwart.)



TOP SPELLER—Lu Anne Riggs, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Riggs, is West Elementary school's spelling champion. She is a sixth grade student of Mrs. Marriott Phifer. She won the recent West school spelling bee.

Permits To Raze Number Seven

Demolition permits outnumbered those for new construction issued recently by W. W. Laughler, city building inspector.

Five were purchased by Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission for demolitions in the central business district redevelopment project — the former McGinnis Department Store Annex, Grayson Jewelry, Gulf Service Station and Roller Mill buildings — and two others, to Paul Falls to raze a building at 803 Cleveland Avenue and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church to raze a building at 108 West Ridge street.

New construction permits include: Mickey Powers, six-room dwelling Downing Drive, estimated cost \$39,478, Marion Dixon Contractor.

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Chamber Elected Shaney President



PRESIDENT — Richard (Dick) Shaney has been installed as the new president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds J. C. Bridges.

C of C Goals Are Outlined

Richard (Dick) Shaney, Carolina Throwing Company executive and newly-elected president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, said he would recommend in 1973 that the C of C and local industry "get in behind a day care center project to take care of the needs of industry."

Mr. Shaney said a day care center would help provide much-needed additional personnel for area industry.

He said the project has not had (Continued On Page Six)

Mrs. Shuford's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Bertha Love Austell Shuford, 88, of route 1, Grover, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. from New Hope Baptist church with the Rev. C. Vance Johnson and the Rev. Donald Farrow officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Shuford, wife of William Lee Shuford, died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Brookview Nursing Home in Gaffney, S. C. after illness of several years.

She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Quitman Austell. She was a member of Antioch Baptist church of Grover.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, Randall Lee Shuford of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Bertie Lee Wood of Sanford, Fla., Mrs. C. E. Watts of Marietta, Ga., and Mrs. J. S. Wilhelm of North Augusta, S. C.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Max Graham, Austelle Graham, Reid Crawford, John A. Crowder and C. Q. Lavender.

Youth Charged In Tuesday Fire At North School

A Kings Mountain youth has been charged in a juvenile petition with setting fire to North Elementary School Tuesday afternoon.

Kings Mountain police reported that the youngster broke a glass and entered a classroom around 5:34 p.m. and used a hand torch to set fire to a pile of papers.

Damage was estimated at \$500 by Schools Supt. Don Jones.

Three persons gave police a description of the boy and later identified him after looking at seven pictures. The boy reportedly later admitted breaking the glass and setting the fire.

According to police reports, the boy told the three others who identified him that if they came close to him, he would burn them with the torch. Police reported the youngster then ran and dropped the torch as he fled.

No other cases of vandalism was reported by police but officers did investigate two minor traffic accidents during the week.

On Wednesday at 10:50 p.m., Ptl. L. D. Beattie charged Jack Andrew Price of Shelby with failure to yield right of way following a two-car mishap on King Street. According to Beattie, Price's 1965 Chevrolet struck a 1965 Pontiac driven by John Ross Martin of 18 Bennett Drive. Damage to Price's car was listed at \$25 and damage to Martin's car was set at \$350.

A 12:05 p.m. accident Saturday on King Street resulted in a traffic violation charge against Weldon Morris of 1004 Second Street.

Ptl. Richard Reynolds reported that a 1968 Ford, driven by Morris, struck a 1965 Chevrolet driven by Helen Odell Smith of 1019 Brookwood Drive. Damage to the Smith car was \$400 and damage to the Morris car was listed at \$100.

Roy Haynes' Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Roy A. Haynes, 53, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Kings Mountain, were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Glenn Boland officiating.

Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Haynes died Saturday morning in Atlanta of a heart attack.

He was a Lincoln county native, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William C. Haynes.

Surviving are one son, Randall Haynes of Bellevue, Neb.; one daughter, Mrs. Linda Hamm of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Howard Haynes of Darlington, S. C., and Ernest Haynes of Landis; and four sisters, Mrs. W. D. Whitesides of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Clyde Deal of Gastonia, Mrs. Mazelle Jenkins of Cherryville and Mrs. Hazel Plyler of Pineville.



WEDNESDAY MISHAP COSTLY — A two-car wreck last Wednesday on highway 216 south of Kings Mountain was costly in that both cars were listed as total losses. According to reports, W. G. Fritts of Lexington, N. C. was driver of a car which was traveling south and turned left into the path of a Price's Taxi cab driven by Tommy Metcalf of Kings Mountain. Three passengers in the cab, James Grant, Evonne Grant and Jimmy Grant, all of 1600 Parkdale Circle, were treated for minor injuries at Kings Mountain Hospital. (Photo by Gary Stewart.)



EVANGELIST — Dr. Ben F. Ormand will lead evangelistic services beginning April 1 at Bessemer City's First Presbyterian church.

Dr. Ormand Revival Speaker

Dr. Ben F. Ormand, executive secretary of the Pee Dee Presbytery of the Synod of South Carolina with offices in Florence, South Carolina, will conduct a series of evangelistic services at Bessemer City April 1-5 beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Ormand is a native of Gastonia, the son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Carrie Burke Ormand.

He was graduated from the Kings Mountain high school, Davidson college, and Union Theological seminary.

The Rev. Allen E. Morrison is pastor of the church.

Country Club Taps McGinnis

Don McGinnis has been elected president of Kings Mountain Country club for the coming year.

Mr. McGinnis was elected by the board of directors following a stockholder's meeting last Tuesday.

H. D. (Snooks) McDaniel was named vice president, Carl Devane was elected secretary and Thomas Tate will serve as treasurer.

New members of the board of directors are Will Herndon and S. R. Suber, Jr.

Show To Benefit Rescue Squad

Tickets are available from any member of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad for a big country music show benefit to be held April 7th at 7 p. m. and 9:30 p. m. at Crossroads Music Park in the Oak Grove community.

All proceeds from the two shows will benefit the rescue squad.

Tickets may also be purchased at the music park.

Blanton Retires From Sterchi's

Ken Blanton former manager of Sterchi's Kings Mountain store and Shelby manager since 1951, has retired after 38 years service with the company.

Mr. Blanton was succeeded at the Shelby store by Jim Crawford of Belmont.

Western Auto Owner Odus Smith Posts Lone Bid For KMRC Tract

Confirmation of the lone bid of Odus Smith, owner of Western Auto Store for Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission's so-called Bonnie Mill Store property is a "mere formality", Gene White director of the commission said Wednesday.

The property is bounded by Piedmont avenue, Cherokee and Gold streets.

Mr. Smith said he expects to construct a retail business building fronting on Cherokee of approximately 7500 square feet, likely of brick construction.

He added he hopes to be able to occupy building by September.

He said other buildings will be constructed on the property, fronting Piedmont and/or Gold,

Shah's Grandson Annual Meeting C of C Speaker

Nassar Jehanbani, native of Iran and grandson of a former Shah overthrown from power in 1922, says he is an "American by choice."

The Gaston college ecology professor, a citizen of this country for 15 years, was the keynote speaker at the annual dinner meeting Monday night of the Chamber of Commerce at the Country club.

He delighted his audience with his humorous account of his arrival in America in 1946, detailing various difficulties with the English language (he speaks six), noting that every foreigner who comes to America is a "Christopher Columbus."

Jehanbani said he gave his only child a choice of nationality. "He has your citizenship", he declared.

A former major general in the Iranian Army and retired assistant chairman of the board of the Iranian Oil Company, a \$20 million per day operation employing 100,000 persons all over the world, he attempted to put his native country, formerly called Persia, into perspective in the Middle East and to dispel the "10001 knights" image westerners had of the area.

On the Suez Canal: The Suez Canal has outlined its usefulness and will never be reopened and the price of oil will not be affected should it ever reopen. He said the canal can't handle super oil tankers (Continued On Page 6)

Montgomery's Rites Thursday

Dewey John Montgomery, 72, retired carpenter of Grover, died Tuesday afternoon in Cleveland Memorial hospital after several months illness.

Funeral rites will be conducted Thursday (today) at 3 p.m. from First Baptist church of Grover of which he was a member. Rev. Paul Millwood will officiate at the rites and interment will be in the Grover cemetery.

The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until 30 minutes before the rites when it will lie in state at the church.

Mr. Montgomery was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Montgomery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Janie Norman Montgomery; two sons, J. B. Montgomery of Grover and Billy Montgomery of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Rhea of Grover and Mrs. Winfred Moss of Blacksburg, S. C.; two brothers, R. C. Montgomery of Decatur, Ga. and Rev. Perry Montgomery of Columbia, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Seth Putnam and Mrs. Lillie Sheppard, both of Grover; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers will be Paul Allen, Bob Hambricht, Bill Camp, James Byers, Jesse Welch and Glenn Rountree.

Director White said Wednesday the Commission hopes to offer for re-sale the former Royster Oil Company property at the corner of Battleground and Mountain by Mid-April. Razing of the old building is complete. The lot fronts 41 feet of West Mountain, 100 feet on South Battleground.

Currently underway is razing of the former Grayson's Jewelry building on S. Battleground.

By next week, Mr. White added demolition of the former Ware & Sons Roller Mill property should be underway.