

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 11,979 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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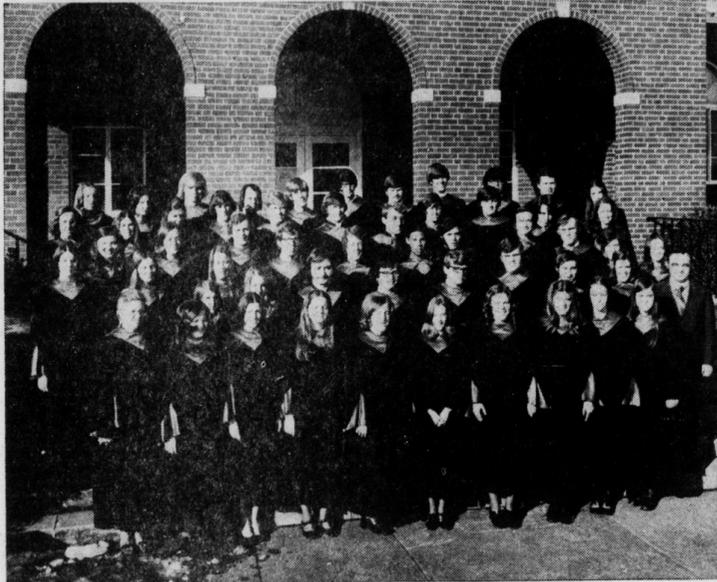
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Eighty-Fourth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS



GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE CHORUS HERE THURSDAY — The 54 voice Chorus of Gardner-Webb college will appear in concert here at Second Baptist church Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. under direction of Dr. Phil Ferrin. The community is invited to hear the group. From left to right, front row, Brenda Wood, Sandy Sykes, Suzanne McCarley, Jane Anthony, Jo Ann Fowler (accompanist), Martha Stegal, Karen Smith, Mary Bowser, Joyce Campbell and Libby Baxter; Second row, from left, Loretta Sides, Nancy Spangler, Brad Fulk, Bobby Jones, David Padgett, Jack Cole, Ken Brooks, Jo Carol Wrape, Phil Ferrin (director); Third row, from left, Teresa Chandler, Cindy Alexander, Angella Dunn, Rodney Boutwell, Sid Caudle, Mike Woolridge, Eddie Johnson, Bob Couch, Joe Vess, Pam McCall and Becky Brooks; Fourth row, from left, Beverly Alwan, Martha Shelton, Eddie Kirkland, Tim McSwain, David Jarman and Kathy Chaney; Fifth row, from left, Donna Lamb, Kathy Dixon, Maria Alsobrook, Gene Bumgardner, Paul McManus, Terry Crouse, Fred Adkins and Paul Lawrence; Sixth row, from left, Sherry Brown, Pam Seagraves, Mark Lambrecht, Arthur Moseley, Wesley Humphries, Rick Carter, Shannon Wiles, Rick Fisher, Ken Corn, Marsha Wilkerson.

On Court Decision: "Wait And See"

Park Yarn Mills Sold By Johnston

Kings Mountain Plant Among 7 In Transaction

Park Yarn Mills Company of Kings Mountain is among textile plants of Johnston Mills which has sold controlling interest in its plants to Washington-Mills Retail, Inc., a subsidiary of the Washington Group, Inc.

John C. Smathers, general manager of Park Yarn, said the firm here employs 200 persons, and has 25,392 spindles, with approximately 65 percent of its output cotton yarn and the other 35 percent blends of man-made fibers and cotton.

Park Yarn, constructed by the late Junious Rhodes, father of Mrs. Fred W. Plonk, was initially known as Johnstown Mills.

Mr. Smathers said the plant was acquired by the Johnston organization in 1919.

Also acquired was controlling interest in the following affiliated companies: Eastern Manufacturing Co., Selma; Worth Spinning Co., Stony Point; Spinner's Processing Co., Spindale; Anchor Mills Co., Charlotte, and Johnston Mills of Pa. Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.

Six of the seven companies are involved in the manufacture and sale of cotton and synthetic yarns. Their combined production makes Johnston one of the largest manufacturers of sales yarn in the United States.

The companies had sales of approximately \$30 million in 1972 and employ over 1,600 at their various plants.

The seventh company, Anchor Mills, is a real estate holding operation which owns two major pieces of property: the Johnston Building, a 17-story office building in the heart of Charlotte's business district on Tryon Street, and Albemarle Center, a modern office building just off Independence Boulevard in Charlotte. Another valuable holding is a parking lot located next to the Johnston Building.

Controlling interest of all of the operating plants and real estate holdings of Johnston were (Continued On Page Six)



MANAGER — Robert W. Fleming has been named manager of Southern Bell Telephone Company's Gastonia area office.

R. W. Fleming Bell Manager

Robert W. Fleming, native of Canton and former area commercial supervisor for Southern Bell Telephone Company in Charlotte, has been named manager of Southern Bell's Gastonia area.

Announcement was made by T. M. Graham, district manager, who said Fleming succeeds R. B. Moore, here since August 1965, who has been appointed public relations manager for the Gastonia district.

Fleming joined Southern Bell in Charlotte in 1964 following graduation from Rollins college and Naval Officers school and a three year Navy tour.

He holds the rank of Lt. Commander in the N. S. Naval Reserves.

He is a member of Sharon Civitan club of Charlotte and Covenant Presbyterian church.

Miss Moore Is Pharmacist

Results of the recent North Carolina Board of Pharmacy examinations for registration of pharmacists were announced by H. C. McAllister, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

Area resident certified by this examination included Mary Grace Moore, of route 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moore, Miss Marie Covington Mauney; two daughters, Mrs. Sheila Barkley and Mrs. Billy O. Blanton, both of Shelby; three brothers, James Mauney of Paris, Tenn., Pat Mauney of Shelby and Charles Mauney of Troutman; four sisters, Mrs. Frances McEntire of Shelby, Mrs. George Edwards Jr. and Mrs. Hugh Lee Warlick of Lawndale and Mrs. Inez Mauney of Charlotte and three grandchildren.

Miss Moore is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy at Chapel Hill.

Eighty North Carolina residents became registered by satisfactorily passing these comprehensive examinations.

RETURNS HOME
Fred Drewes has been discharged from Charlotte Memorial hospital and is recuperating at his home from a heart attack. He is "doing fine" and is allowed visitors.

Wellmon Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for Thomas Cornelius Wellmon, of route 1, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. from First Congregational Christian church of which he was a member.

Rev. Russell J. Shipman officiated at the final rites and interment was in Ebenezer Baptist church cemetery.

Mr. Wellmon died Wednesday in the Kings Mountain hospital after declining health for some time.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lela Johnson Wellmon; one son, Thomas Wellmon of Wrightstown, New Jersey; two brothers, James Wellmon of Bessemer City and Robert Wellmon of Philadelphia, Pa.; three sisters, Mrs. Lucile Morgan of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Mildred Feemster of Philadelphia, Pa. and Mrs. Thelma Jones of New York; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family designated memorials to the Red Cross.

Commercial Equipment To Build Service Garage For Johnson Lines

Commercial Equipment Company, a subsidiary of Johnson Motor Lines, is purchasing a five-acre tract from N. F. McGill and Norman McGill of 185 East to build a garage to service Johnson trucking units.

Bob Bradley, attorney for the firm, said he anticipated the property purchase would be completed within ten days.

The city commission re-zoned the property for general business use Monday night.

Mr. Bradley said he had been informed by L. B. Eddins, vice-president and general manager

School Officials Think KM System Is In Compliance

Kings Mountain school officials have taken a "wait and see" attitude toward the recent change that they are not in compliance with the federal school desegregation guidelines.

Supt. Don Jones received a copy of the 25 to 30 page court order handed down recently, has reviewed it and says "I still can't see how we fit in."

Jones added that "I know of nothing else to do except to wait until we get a contact from the Washington office (the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare) and then try to do what they want us to do."

Jones said the only place Kings Mountain is mentioned in the court order is in the appendix. "If the order talks about the fact that the schools don't meet the criteria, but I honestly don't see that it affects us too much."

The Kings Mountain system was among 17 state school districts listed by the court order which threatens to cut off federal funds because federal desegregation guidelines haven't been met.

Jones said that the cover letter of the court order states that "we might already be in compliance. I feel like we're all right and I don't anticipate any drastic changes."

Kings Mountain, of course, has been desegregated for several years but the court order states that any school with less than 20 percent of a minority group needs to be adjusted. Thus, Kings Mountain will probably have to make some adjustments at East School, where only 11 percent of the students are black.

Jones noted that school officials had anticipated that the 150 units of public housing on York Road would be opened by the beginning of the school year, thus eliminating the minority situation at East. He pointed out, however, that a fire at the housing project last year delayed the opening.

"But," he added, "we have picked up some students at East since the apartments began opening and when the complex is full it will take care of the problem automatically."

W. W. Mauney's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for William White Mauney Jr., 56, building contractor of 1906 Shelby road, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. from First Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. Paul Riggs officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Mr. Mauney died Sunday in the Kings Mountain hospital following brief illness.

He was a native of Cleveland county, son of the late W. W. and Nellie Beckler Mauney.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marie Covington Mauney; two daughters, Mrs. Sheila Barkley and Mrs. Billy O. Blanton, both of Shelby; three brothers, James Mauney of Paris, Tenn., Pat Mauney of Shelby and Charles Mauney of Troutman; four sisters, Mrs. Frances McEntire of Shelby, Mrs. George Edwards Jr. and Mrs. Hugh Lee Warlick of Lawndale and Mrs. Inez Mauney of Charlotte and three grandchildren.

CHOIR TO SING
The Pentecostal Choir of Stanley will sing at Mary's Grove United Methodist church four miles south of Cherryville Sunday afternoon at 1:30. Other groups will also be featured on the program, said Thurman H. Smith, choir director, and Rev. Cliff Stroupe, pastor.

Clean-Up Bargains Provided By City

Derelict auto removed: no cost.
Derelict building removed: one-third cost.
Rat poison: no charge.

That's City Commissioner Norman King's reminder of the city's effort to put the clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign, which Chairman King already declares the city's best ever. Other commissioners agree.

Call 739-6731 before Saturday, says Comm. King.

Ware And Ellison Are Co-Chairmen



HERE FRIDAY — U. S. Congressman James T. Broyhill will pay a visit to Kings Mountain Friday. He will receive friends in the mayor's office at City Hall from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m.

Broyhill To Visit Here On Friday

U. S. Congressman James T. Broyhill of Lenoir will visit in the county Friday, at Shelby Friday morning and in Kings Mountain Friday afternoon.

"I hope that my constituents will take this opportunity to come and express their views on the national issues before the Congress. I will also be glad to assist with any problems involving the Federal government," said the Congressman.

Congressman Broyhill has scheduled office hours throughout the Congressional district since he became a congressman 10 years ago. As has been his policy, no appointment is necessary.

He will be in Shelby Friday morning from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at City Hall and in Kings Mountain at Mayor John Moss' office at City Hall from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m.

Building Inspector Issues Four Permits

Building permits issued during the past week include:

George Lattimore, \$500 repairs to residence at 403 East Ridge street, Clyde Huffman, of Grover, contractor.

Ricky C. and Sheral C. Wood, \$1075 utility building at their residence, 701 Princeton drive.

Winifred Fulton, \$5800 trailer to be placed at 111 Wells street, Wheel Estate Brokers contractor.

Perimeter area trailer placement at 1015 Linwood drive, Blue Bird Mobile Homes, contractor.

Mrs. Ledford UMW Speaker

Mrs. Lynn Ledford, probation officer in the Kings Mountain area, will be guest speaker at Monday night's meeting of United Methodist Church Women of Central Methodist church.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Dewey Cobb Is Wounded Slightly In Sunday Morning Altercation

A Kings Mountain woman, Nancy Rhyne of 122 Lackey Street, has charged a Gastonia man with breaking and entering, assault by pointing a gun and kidnapping following an alleged incident around 7:45 Easter Sunday morning.

Charges of assault with a deadly weapon are also pending against Douglas Nathaniel Van Dyke of Route 4, Cove Creek, Gastonia.

Police reports charge that Van Dyke came to the Rhyne home Sunday morning and knocked on the front door. When no one answered, he reportedly went to the back door and broke in.

The report further states that

Youth Summer Jobs Is Again City Project

Franklin L. Ware, Jr. and City Commissioner T. J. Ellison will serve as co-chairmen of the city's committee on summer youth employment.

Other members are Mrs. Emma Blalock, Rev. Campbell and Bill Bates.

Comm. Ellison and Mr. Bates are serving on the committee for the first time.

Mayor John Henry Moss told the city commission Monday night that the six-year city effort to marry youth with jobs had provided beneficial for educational and personal needs and to business and industry who need employees.

"It's good business for all concerned," the Mayor said, "and it continues to grow in acceptance and participation."

In other actions, the commission:

- 1) confirmed street improvement assessments on Williams street and Princeton drive;
- 2) passed a 1973-74 budget amendment ordinance appropriating revenue-sharing funds for capital outlay (permanent improvements);
- 3) voted to invite bids to be received May 14 for a larger electric line on West Mountain street, for 1400 feet of sewer pipe;
- 4) voted to offer city surplus property for sale on Saturday, May 5.

Firearms Class Is Rescheduled

The Cleveland Tech-sponsored women's firearms class, scheduled to begin yesterday at Kings Mountain Police Club has been rescheduled for today and Friday because of the weather.

Classes will be held each day from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Tommy King, member of the Kings Mountain police force, will be instructor.

Registration will be at the club but each adult will have to pay for ammunition and targets.

Cansler Street Dwellings Razed

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission has razed three dwellings on City street, a part of the Cansler area 110-acre urban renewal project.

Also, Gene White, director of the commission reported, City Ice, Coal and Fuel Company has vacated commission property on Railroad avenue. The firm, owned by Jim Alexander, has occupied its new quarters a mile west on US 74 and adjacent to Keystone Mobile Homes.

The three dwellings razed were those formerly occupied by Mrs. Bryte Ware, 103 S. City street, Mrs. Sara O. Lowrance, 105 N. City street, and Baron R. Blanton, 112 N. City street.

Debbie Burns, 19, Is Double Winner

Kings Mountain Entry Shelby Beauty Winner

Deborah Dianne Burns, Kings Mountain student at Gardner Webb college, is "Miss Shelby 1973-74".

The 19-year-old daughter of Mrs. Edith Burns of Kings Mountain also copied the "Miss Congeniality" award voted by the other six contestants in the Shelby Jaycee Pageant at Shelby City Park Friday night.

Miss Burns, head cheerleader at Gardner Webb where she is a sophomore, is also "Miss Anchor", president of the G-W pep club and a member of the gymnastics team. She is a physical education major.

A brown-haired-green eyed beauty, she sang "Theme from Valley of the Dolls" as her talent presentation in the competition.

Another Gardner-Webb cheerleader, Carolyn Elizabeth Vinson of Valdese was first runner-up. A Crest high senior, Beckie Regina Toney of Mooresboro, was second runner up.

Special guests at the pageant included the resigning Miss North Carolina, Constance Anne Dorn, who gave a talent presentation, and Miss Shelby, 1972-73, Maria Alsobrook, also a G-W student.

The selection of Miss Burns, a graduate of Kings Mountain high school, marked the first time in eight years a girl from outside Shelby has won the contest. Linda Sherrer Leonard of Kings Mountain in 1966 was the last out-of-Shelby girl to be named Miss Shelby.

Central Methodist Church To Hold "Adventure In Faith" This Weekend

"Adventure In Faith", a full weekend of Lay Witness Mission activities, begins Thursday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist church with a 24-hour prayer vigil, General Chairman W. A. Russell announces.

The church will be open for prayer and greetings will be on duty from 5:30 p.m. Thursday until 5:30 p.m. Friday in preparation for the mission which includes visitation, meetings, sup-



DOUBLE WINNER — Debbie Burns of Kings Mountain won the crown of "Miss Shelby" and also the "Miss Congeniality" award in the Shelby Jaycee beauty pageant Friday in Shelby.

History Group To Hear Sanders

John L. Sanders, director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, will address the April meeting of the Cleveland County Historical Association Friday evening at 7:30 at the County Office Building.

Mr. Sanders will review the history of the N. C. Capitol building at Raleigh which he has made a special study of with emphasis on the structure and architectural features. He is presently advisor in the restoration program at the Capitol.

H. C. Wilson, president of the association, commenting on the upcoming program said, "This capitol in Raleigh and our county courthouse will have much in common."

Alexander Firm In New Quarters

City Ice, Coal & Heating Company, a Kings Mountain business citizen since 1960, has moved in to brand new quarters on Shelby road about one mile outside the city limits.

Manager-Owner Jim Alexander said the 30x70 foot building includes an oil and ice plant plus new air-conditioned offices which front on Shelby road.

The building is of steel construction.

Mr. Alexander announced that a new member of the firm is Arthur Sproue.

Other employees are J. D. Whitsnart, Claude Hambricht, and Billy Whitaker.

The former plant on S. City street is being demolished for Central Business Development improvements in the downtown section.

Mr. Alexander said effective Sunday the firm will be open seven days a week to serve ice, coal and oil customers.

Southern Bell Honors Trio For Saving Life

Southern Bell's President's Meritorious Service Awards have been presented to John Anthony, Herman McCraw, and Don Edmonds, three Southern Bell toll test-board men from Gastonia, for effectively initiating a search that from Buffalo Creek Bridge, high led to the rescue of two persons way 74 between Kings Mountain and Shelby.

Vice President John J. Ryan presented the \$100 cash awards and plaques.

On June 7, 1972, at approximately 5:30 p.m., two teenage boys, Robert Bean and John Golding, were thrown from their "dune buggy" vehicle into Buffalo Creek. The three telephone employees, enroute home from work, stopped to see what had happened. Approximately 15 people were present, but no one was taking action to help. After seeing one boy in the water, the three employees ran down to the water and carried John Golding to the bank where he was administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation with breathing being restored quickly. With a second man being reported in the creek, they called for help and began a search for him. A submerged object being lifted permitted the second boy to float to the surface. Another carried Robert Bean to the shore. McCraw, Edmonds, and bank where lifesaving steps were administered until breathing was restored. Robert Bean was hospitalized, but death occurred the next day.

Because of the personal efforts of these three men in extricating two boys from the waters of Buffalo Creek, they were awarded the Meritorious Service Award.

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