

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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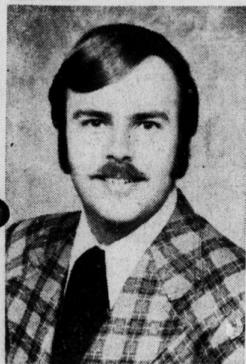
Established 1889

Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, June 14, 1973

Eighty-Fourth Year

PRICE TEN CENTS

Mayor Indicates Same Tax Rate For '73-'74'



REV. REGINALD ALEXANDER



VICKIE JEAN TURNER

Two Students Win Degrees

Additional Kings Mountain students are receiving degrees. Rev. Reginald Keith Alexander, son of Postmaster and Mrs. Charles L. Alexander, received his Master of Religious Education degree June 11 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky.

He holds an A. A. degree from Gardner Webb and a B. S. degree, Class of 1971, from Gardner Webb college. He was ordained into the ministry by First Baptist church of Kings Mountain in May.

At seminary he specialized in Campus Ministry. He was president of North Carolina Students. While at Gardner-Webb he was president of the Baptist Student Union, editor of the college newspaper, "Pilot", member of a touring folk group "The Joyful Noise", a member of Alpha Nu Omega and was elected into Who's Who Among Students of American Junior Colleges in 1969.

He worked during summers as youth director of Swift Creek Baptist church of Darlington, S. C., and First Baptist church of Kings Mountain. During his seminary years he served as educational director at Highland Park Baptist church in Louisville and supplied at other churches in the area.

Mrs. Alexander is the former Dianne Copeland of Suffolk, Va. Vickie Jean Turner of Grover received her B. S. degree in fashion marketing from Georgia College of Milledgeville, Ga. on June 21 in the 82nd Commencement. Miss Turner is daughter of Mrs. Martha Hicks Turner of Grover and Gene Turner of Sehlby and is employed at Ivey's of

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Pet Quarantine: Death Of Dog Brings Protest To Commission

Kings Mountain's 60-day dog quarantine has come under fire recently as many citizens have protested that dog lice have been shooting, licensed dogs.

The quarantine was put into effect June 1 and will continue throughout the month of July.

The quarantine states that police will have the authority to kill any four-legged animal which is not on a leash or off the owner's property.

One resident of the city, Mrs. Henry Neister, appeared at Monday's city board meeting and complained that a policeman killed a licensed dog in front of children. The dog, owned by the John O. Plonk family, was off the owner's property but was licensed and was wearing a collar

Rains Delayed New Pharmacy Service Opening

The rain came and stayed and Harper's Prescription Pharmacy, Inc., postponed its opening. Pouring of sidewalk to the entrance was delayed and the area at the front was wet and miry.

Kagan Harper, with his wife owner of the establishment at 709 West Mountain street, said preparations for the opening are continuing.

The 13,000-square-foot building is of block-block exterior construction, with silicone insulation. Interior decor features green paneling and antiseptic white pegboard wall-shelving and white interior display counters.

O. G. (Pete) Penner is contractor for the building.

Staff members include Mr. Harper, manager and pharmacist, Mrs. Harper, Miss Peggy Jones, Miss Maebel Logan, and Llewellyn French.

Mr. Harper, a Gastonia native, joined Kings Mountain Drug Company here after earning a degree at North Carolina school of Pharmacy in 1965. He has also served as pharmacist for Kings Mountain Hospital.

Mrs. Harper is the former Diane Fite, of Belmont. She was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Art and Education.

The Harpers have two daughters, Caroline, 7, and Katherine, 5.

City Power Cost Jump \$5382 For Duke's May Bill Period



IN NEW POST — Kyle Smith has been named personnel manager of Burlington Industries Phenix Plant in Kings Mountain.

Kyle Smith In New Post

Kyle F. Smith has been named personnel manager at Burlington Industries' Phenix Plant in Kings Mountain.

His appointment was announced by Jim Bowman, plant manager.

Mr. Smith comes to Burlington with an extensive personnel background. From 1945 to 1966, he served in the Navy, retiring as a chief personnel officer. For the past seven years he has held various industrial personnel positions in the Kings Mountain area.

A native of Wayne, W. Va., Mr. Smith attended Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Kings Mountain Baptist Church and the Rotary Club. He has served as United Fund local chairman in Kings Mountain.

Burlington's Phenix plant is a yarn manufacturing operation with 240 employees. It is a unit of the Burlington Edwin-Mooresville division.

Another resident of the area, Devere Smith, asked that his name be withdrawn from an original petition favoring the street improvements. "At the time we signed it (the petition)," said Smith, "we were settling down in the area. He said he agreed with the McGill family that paving would mean more auto traffic in addition to motorcycle traffic."

Hal S. Plonk, realtor and spokesman for the property owners petitioning for improvements, told the board "there is a need for improvements. Water accumulates on low spots and will not run off without storm drainage."

Mr. Plonk told the board, "This is the first time in my life I've run across a bunch of folks who don't want their property improved."

City Attorney Jack White was asked to investigate question of legality in "block paving" and report at the board's special meeting next week.

Diamonds Stolen From Dellinger's

Kings Mountain police are searching for a person or persons who helped themselves to 12 diamond rings at Dellinger's Jewelry Shop Saturday afternoon.

Lewis Dellinger, owner of the store, reported that the rings were discovered missing between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Dellinger told police that three or four black females entered the store about that time and paid a bill, then later left in a bright red car with black stripes down the side.

The value of the rings was not listed.

Roy Pearson of 803 Katherine Avenue reported a hit and run Saturday. He said his 1967 Pontiac was parked at the Kings Mountain Community Center when it was hit by an unknown driver. Damage was listed at \$125.

Dale Lawing of 113 Cleveland Avenue reported that someone stole \$208 worth of tape equipment out of his car on the night of June 1. Missing was an eight track tape player, speakers and 13 tapes.

Twelve Students Are All A's

Twelve Kings Mountain high school students — six seniors, one junior, three sophomores and two freshmen — compiled all A's for the fourth nine weeks grading period, ending June 1.

They are:

Seniors: Cynthia Anderson, David Collins, Linda Patterson, Kathy Reynolds, Deborah Ross and Thomas Shirley.

Juniors: Sherree Spivey.

Sophomores: Cathy Cornwell, Karen Hinton and Jay, Steven Walker.

Freshmen: Jane Annis Campbell and Elizabeth A. Eaker.

Bill Reflects Duke Increase On April 26

By MARTIN HARMON

The city paid Duke Power Company \$5,382 more for power on the May billing than on the April billing, though the city consumed 165,000 kilowatt hours less power in the May period.

The imbalance will be a little more when the city receives its bill this month. The city's May billing included the first six days of consumption at the "old rate."

Duke elected rate increases April 26 on notice of intent to the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

The May billing therefore was the peak one of the year beginning in January. The May billing of \$50,043.34 for 4,682,000 kilowatt hours of electricity was \$1018 more than the February billing of \$49,086. In February the city purchased of electricity 5,440,800 kilowatt hours or (58,460 kilowatt hours less usage than for the May period.

The February billing was at .0090 cents per KWH, the May billing at .0107 cents.

(Editor's Note: Duke's rate is not static, prior to imposition last year of a fuel consumption adjustment surcharge. Another variable factor is a kilowatt demand charge, imposed when the city exceeds its former peak demand. There was no demand charge on the May billing.)

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Western Auto Starts Building

Grading work has begun at the site of a new Western Auto store which will be Kings Mountain's first new building under the redevelopment program.

Odus Smith Jr., who has operated the present Western Auto here for the past 18 years, several months ago purchased the old Bonnie Mill property at the corner of Cherokee and East Gold streets. Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted Monday morning.

Smith plans to construct a 11,600 square foot two-story building for his own use, leaving approximately 3,000 square foot or rental office space.

Construction will be by Morrison Construction Co. of Shelby and is expected to be completed in about five months.

Smith indicated the new store will be a semi-self service business and will have its own service department.

Two more properties will be offered for sale in the near future. They are the former McGinnis McCurdy property on Battleground Avenue and the former City Ice and Coal property of Railroad Avenue.

There will be a country music jamboree held Friday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot at Huffman's Texaco, 1-85 at Dixon school road. Groups for the event will be Henry Wilson and the Country Rebels. Everyone is welcome. Cold drinks and hotdogs will be served.



DOFFING CHAMP — James Mess, left above, receives plaque from Phenix Plant Manager, Jim Bowman after winning the plant's doffing championship.



PROMOTED — George Harris, Kings Mountain native, has been named a group president of American Hospital Supply Corporation.

George Harris Wins Promotion

J. George Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harris of Kings Mountain, has been promoted to group president of the Dietary and Capital Goods group of the American Hospital Supply Company of Deerfield, Illinois, which includes Hamilton Manufacturing Company.

He was one of five group presidents named in the recent alignment of Corporate officers.

Harris, a Kings Mountain native, joined the American Hospital Supply division in 1960 as a sales representative. In 1963 he was promoted to area sales manager for the division and in 1964 to region manager. He was promoted to president of American Hospital Supply Corporation (Canada) Ltd. in 1967. Three years later he was appointed vice president-operations for American Hospital Supply division and in 1971 he was named president of Dietary Products division.

He and his family live at 1304 Woodland Drive in Deerfield, Illinois.

In commenting on the organizational changes, Karl Bays, AISC president, said, "What we've done is to group our divisions around the particular health markets they serve and appoint group presidents. In effect, we've put decision making closer to the customer which is consistent with our philosophy and work backwards to create an organization which best serves the customer."

Two Are Killed In Newton Wreck

An auto tractor-trailer truck collision in Newton Tuesday morning claimed the lives of a Kings Mountain woman and her sister-in-law.

Mrs. Carrie Guin Pryor, 72, of 211 Orr Terrace, and Mrs. William Guin, 68, of route 2, Catawba, were killed at 9 a.m. when their vehicle operated by Mrs. Guin apparently pulled in front of a tractor-trailer truck and six-tenths miles south of Newton on N. C. 16.

According to Trooper S. T. Gilliey, the Guin car pulled out of rural road 1103 onto N. C. 16 into the path of a tractor trailer truck driven by Leon D. Call of Route 2 Conover.

The truck then struck a pick-up truck operated by Ralph Watts of route 1, Maiden, before turning over.

Call escaped injuries but Watts sustained serious injuries and was taken to Catawba Memorial hospital.

No charges were filed. Damages to the tractor trailer truck owned by Dehart Motors of Conover and its contents were estimated at \$25,000, \$3,000 to the pick-up and \$3,000 to the Guin car.

Funeral for Mrs. Pryor will be conducted Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. from First Church of the Nazarene of which she was a member. Her pastor, Rev. C. A. Bost, will be assisted by Rev. Grady Putnam in officiating at the final rites. Interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery. The body will remain at Harris Funeral Home until the hour of service.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Annie Dagenhart Guin will be held this afternoon in Catawba County.

Mrs. Pryor was a native of McKeesburg County and widow of William Alexander Pryor. She was a retired employee of Bonnie Mills. She had moved into a new apartment on Orr Terrace about a month ago.

Surviving are two sons, James Guin of Alexandria, Va. and Eobly Guin of Texarkana, Texas; two brothers, Isaac Guin of Kings Mountain and William Guin of Catawba; one sister, Mrs. Jesse Gibson of Pawling Green, S. C. and three grandchildren.

SERMON TOPIC
"Our Hope" will be the sermon topic of Dr. Paul Auley at Sunday morning worship service at 11 o'clock Sunday at First Presbyterian church.

Commission Holding Budget Session Monday

Mayor John Henry Moss will recommend tentative adoption of the 1973-74 city budget at a special commission meeting Monday night.

The Mayor said he hoped to be able to also recommend retention of the ad valorem tax rate of 85 cents per \$100 property valuation. It would be the tenth year the city tax rate has remained the same, which includes five cents for operation of the city recreation program.

Figures were not complete Wednesday, as the Mayor and other city officials continued to prune expendable outgo and re-sign projected income.

"It appears we can retain the current tax rate," the Mayor commented, "though the upward cost pressures continue to mount."

He said near-complete but not final taxable value is being estimated \$48,429,907, adding, "We're basing our projections on 95 percent of that figure—an increase of about two million over the taxable value for '72-'73."

Mayor Moss says he anticipates a continuing increase in utilities revenue "due to normal growth."

He added that "revenue-sharing from the federal government will take up some slack."

"But the only bill we'll get next year which surely will be less is for debt service, reflecting bond amortization during the year closing June 30. The city's interest bill will be less."

He said he hopes the commission will be able to finally adopt its budget on July 2.

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RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP — Sheila Green is the recipient of the four year scholarship awarded annually by Magnolia Finishing Plant, Blacksburg, S. C., a Division of Deering Milliken, Inc. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Green of Kings Mountain. A graduate of Kings Mountain high school, she attended Wingate College where she majored in elementary education and will attend Elon College in Burlington, where she plans to major in child psychology. J. H. Cross, Manufacturing Manager of Magnolia Finishing, is making the presentation with Sheila's father, left, who works at Magnolia in the Engineering Department. Miss Green also works at Magnolia in the Inspection Department during the summer months.

McKees Protest Absentee Rule



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Mrs. Bennett In Church Post

Mrs. Rick Bennett has assumed summer duties as educational director of Kings Mountain Baptist church.

A Central Junior High teacher, Mrs. Bennett began her new duties Monday. She will assist in all church activities, including youth, choir, and secretarial work.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Owens and a member of the church, Mrs. Bennett is the former Ann Owens. She received her B. S. in home economics from Appalachian State University in 1971. She is the wife of Rick Bennett and they reside on York road.

METHODIST TOPIC
"A Big Offer" will be the sermon topic of Rev. N. C. Bush at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock Sunday at Grace United Methodist church.

Funeral Conducted Wednesday For Mrs. Ruth Eaker Hayes, 81

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ruth Eaker Hayes, 81, of 211 Fult street, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Central United Methodist church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Hayes, widow of former City Commissioner Oliver T. Hayes, Sr., died Tuesday morning at 2:45 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after illness of several years.

She was a native of Monroe, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Eaker. Her husband died in 1955.

She was a practical nurse for a number of years before her retirement, employed at Kings Mountain hospital.

Surviving are three sons, Ernest F. Hayes and O. T. Hayes, both of Kings Mountain, and Hayes of Burlington; four daughters, Mrs. Claude Teeter of Ocoee, Mrs. Edward G. Harris Charleston, S. C., and Mrs. William Moss and Miss Don Hayes, both of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. C. S. Reynolds; and six grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were F. Reynolds, Howie Mabry, G. Thomsburg, Mike Ledford, Ma Byers, and Tom Reynolds.