

## 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 14,890 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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## A&P Will Build In City's Second Street

## Moss Says Water Policy Will Encompass

### He's Chairman Of Policy Study Group

What will the city's water policy cover?

This question was posed by the Herald yesterday following announcement by Mayor John Henry Moss that final cash settlement had been made on remaining tract of the 1,500 acre water project on Buffalo Creek.

The mayor said he envisions that "water will be made available to citizens of Bethware, Bethlehem, Oak Grove and Grover communities." He would not elaborate further.

Mayor Moss is chairman of the water policy committee which will formulate an "in depth" water use policy to be presented, hopefully the mayor says, by March 1. The Institute of Government is assisting in development of the policy which will also include a recreation program covering fishing and wildlife activities.

"This water project is the key to the economic growth of the whole area", said the mayor. And it's absolutely essential we develop the very best water use policy in keeping with our times."

Another function of the committee is to establish lake regulations and the mayor said the committee is working diligently with officials of the Department of Community Planning and hope to make recommendations in early 1974.

### Mayor Proposes Town Meetings

Mayor John Henry Moss is unopposed for a fifth term as mayor of Kings Mountain.

He paid his filing fee Friday and made his formal announcement at a press-radio conference Tuesday afternoon.

Among a wide range of city projects for 1974, the mayor said he plans:

1) to recommend the commission hold two town meetings annually, in December and June, giving citizens opportunities for "input in our programs" and allowing citizens a chance to evaluate our programs."

2) to establish a citizens relation department at City Hall to be in service 24 hours a day, allowing citizens a method of registering complaints and requests. The requests will also be received "after working hours" by dispatchers who will relay the messages to particular departments.

3) to provide a community bulletin board at City Hall for use of all citizens.

The mayor told newsmen, "I may be an eternal optimist but I'm hopeful the beginning of the Kings Mountain By-Pass will occur in 1973 or early 1974."

Born in the Park Yarn Community of Kings Mountain, the mayor is son of Manuel A. Moss of Kings Mountain and the late Amanda Oates Moss. He is an Army veteran of World War II, 1941-45, who served in Europe.

Ward IV Commissioner from 1947-49, he was subsequently general manager in the Detroit Tigers Minor League system for five years, later was general manager of a professional football club. He formed the John Henry Moss Agency, a public relations firm, in Wausau, Wisconsin, was a leader in reviving the Western Carolinas League in 1959.

He twice served as chairman of the Cleveland Association of Governmental Officials (CAGO) and is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, the American Legion, VFW, Rotary and Elks clubs. Mrs. Moss is the former Elaine Beilke, a secretary at J. E. Herndon Company, and they reside at 504 Crescent Circle.

### FROM HOSPITAL

Former Senator J. Ollie Harris was discharged Sunday from Charlotte Eye, Ear, Throat hospital and continues to recuperate from eye surgery at his home.



**FIVE CARS DERAIL** — Five cars of a Southern Railway "switcher" derailed at the Superior Stone siding on Grover road Saturday morning. Photographer Walter Vess, Jr. took this picture as the tank car, loaded with caustic soda, was lifted up. Cause of the derailment was a broken rail, an official at the scene said. (Herald Photo by Walter Vess, Jr.)

## School Project Bid Opening Set



**TAPPED** — Nick Smith, Kings Mountain native, has been named head of the license and theft agencies of the state motor vehicles department.

### Nick Smith Is Appointed

N. C. Transportation Secretary Bruce Lentz has named Nick Smith of Chapel Hill, Kings Mountain native, as head of the license and theft agency in the Division of Motor Vehicles. The 35 year old Smith was the Republican candidate for attorney general in 1972. He will replace Gonzale Rivers in the position effective September 17.

"Nick is a great asset to the Department of Transportation," Lentz said. "We will be able to use his law background to great advantage in this position. I am

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### Battleground Service Building; Permits To Repair At \$60,000

Battleground Service Station on Grover road is building a handsome new building and permit was bought by Fred W. Plonk, owner, this week.

The brick building is estimated to cost \$25,000 and will house the grocery store and service station operated by Plonk. Larry Allen of Greensboro is general contractor.

Interdenominational Holiness Church of 512 Phenix street bought a permit to apply bricks to the exterior and install new windows and doors. The repair

work is expected to cost \$3,500. Sadie Cotton Mills bought 12 permits to repair residences totaling \$60,000 to homes at 120 Sadie Loop, 118 Sadie Loop, 116 Sadie Loop, 114 Sadie Loop, 112 Sadie Loop, 10 Sadie Loop, 108 Sadie Loop, 107 Sadie Loop, 106 Sadie Loop, 104 Sadie Loop, 102 Sadie Loop and 208 Kiser street at \$500 each. Bob Ramsey of 308 Amherst Drive bought a permit to construct a patio at cost of \$250. Jerry Strickland was listed as contractor.

### Cash Settlement Finally Made For Remaining Lake Property

What the city will finally pay for the 247 acre tracts of Buford D. Cline and W. K. Mauney, Jr., trading as Double B ranch, was determined at \$125,000 by a consent judgment Tuesday in Cleveland Superior Court.

The city acquired the land for the Kings Mountain water project action Nov. 5, 1969.

Mayor John Henry Moss, who announced the out-of-court settlement Tuesday afternoon, said final phases of the project, plugging of the dam and filling of the lake will begin "soon".

The mayor said he could not pinpoint a date but "weather permitting" completion of the project "won't be many days away."

Gilispie Construction Company, Neal Hawkins Company and Phillips Jordan Company had begun final work on the project yesterday.

Land acquisition of the property has now been completed.

Buford D. Cline and W. K. Mauney, Jr., trading as Double B

### Mrs. Peterson Dies At 33

Funeral rites for Mrs. Sandra Fleming Peterson, 33, of 900 Monroe avenue, were conducted Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock from First Presbyterian church of which she was a member.

Her pastor, Dr. Paul Ausley, assisted by Rev. Frank Shirley, officiated at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Solomon Moss, D. Myers, Paul Bell, Bob Maner, Terry Hipp, Marvin Johnson, Charlie Ballard, Ken Davis, Harlan Stoterau, D. C. Payson and Roy Pearson.

Mrs. Peterson died suddenly at 10:30 p. m. Wednesday night at her home of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Surviving are her husband, car Martin Peterson; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fleming of Kings Mountain; her son, Michael Hinson of home; and her stepson, Jon Peterson of Seville, Ohio.

The family has designated memorials to the Regional Lung Association, in care of Mrs. Donna Cornelius, Newton, N. C.

### Cindy Robinson Merit Finalist

EMHS Principal J. C. Atkinson has announced that Miss Cynthia Kay Robinson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Robinson of 906 Sherwood Lane, has been named one of the 15,000 semifinalists in the 1974 National Merit Scholarship program. She will compete for about 3,100 Merit scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

The 15,000 semifinalists were the highest scorers in each state on the preliminary scholastic aptitude test - National Merit scholarship qualifying test administered last October to over one million students in about 17,000 schools nationwide. These students, who constitute about one-half one per cent of the graduating secondary school seniors in the United States, will complete high school and enter college in 1974.

According to Edward C. Smith, president of National Merit Scholarship corporation, the 15,000 semifinalists are representative of the nation's most academically talented young people, and their bring honor not only to themselves, but also to their families, their teachers and their communities.

Miss Robinson's activities, too numerous to enumerate all, include National Honor Society, Junior Marshal, Mountaineer Future Teachers of America, Governor's School nominee, chemistry lab aide, and Kings Mountain Little Theatre.

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