

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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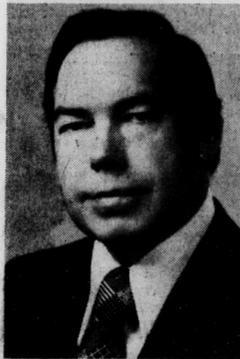
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Kings Mountain, N. C., Thursday, October 4, 1973

PRICE TEN CENTS Eighty-Fourth Year

Citizens Will Elect City Hall Officials On Tuesday

Mayor Unopposed For Fifth Term



Hugh A. Logan Asks Write-In For Ward Post

Kings Mountain citizens will go to the polls Tuesday for the biennial city election to decide contests for five city commissionerships and an unofficial sixth one.

Former Sheriff and City Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., has announced himself as a write-in candidate against officially unopposed Ward I Commissioner Ray W. Cline.

Mr. Logan said he was hospitalized at the filing deadline, has since been urged by friends to conduct the write-in campaign. He says he favors lower utilities rates and "a common sense building code". He was Cleveland County sheriff from 1946-50, came to Kings Mountain as police chief near the end of the Still Administration in 1953. He served many years with the state Department of Corrections and is now retired.

Comm. Cline is completing his seventh consecutive term on the city commission. He, too, is retiring after many years in a supervisory capacity at Mauney Hosiery Company.

Both are veterans of World War II.

In the official races, only one of the five (barring write-ins or ties) is possible of a run-off. Veteran Ward III Commissioner T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, veteran grocer completing a total of 20 years, is challenged by Corbet Nicholson, former city gas superintendent, and James A. Belt, a former city policeman. Mr. Nicholson is now owner of City Heating Company and Mr. Belt owns a private detective agency.

A run-off, if necessary, would be held November 6.

Mayor John Henry Moss is unopposed for a fifth term.

The other contests: Ward II — Commissioner W. Selmore Biddix, seeking his fifth term, is being challenged by Lloyd E. Davis, who served in the office 1951-53. Mr. Biddix is a life insurance salesman. Mr. Davis recently retired as a city water plant operator.

Ward IV — Commissioner Norman King, seeking his sixth term, is being challenged by Don McAbee. Comm. King is a veteran employee of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Mr. McAbee is a North Piedmont avenue grocer.

Ward V — Commissioner Jonas Bridges, seeking a second term, is being challenged by James E. Amos. Comm. Bridges is general manager of radio station WKMT. Mr. Amos is owner of Little Moo restaurant.

Ward VI — Commissioner James J. Dickey, seeking a third term, is being challenged by Murray Pruette, another veteran employee of Southern Bell. Comm. Dickey is production manager of Neisco, Inc.

Hours of voting are 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the six city ward polling places.

UNPRECEDENTED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE — Hugh A. Logan, Jr., below, is an unprecedented write-in candidate for Ward I commissioner in Tuesday's election and Mayor John Henry Moss, top, is unopposed for re-election.



City Election Officials Named

Ward election officials for the city election next Tuesday have been appointed by the city elections board.

The ward, voting place, and officials follow:

Ward I, City Hall, Mrs. John White, registrar, Mrs. Hugh Logan and George White, judges.

Ward II, American Legion building, James Adams, registrar, Mrs. Humes Houston and Mrs. Fred Dixon, judges.

Ward III, East school, Mrs. Joe Hord, registrar, Mrs. Dick Ward and Rochel Connor, judges.

Ward IV, First Wesleyan Methodist Fellowship Hall, Brooks Tate, registrar, Mrs. Raeford White and Clyde Blackwell, judges.

Ward V, Armory, (to be named) registrar, Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Jr., and Mrs. John Leech, registrars.

Ward VI, Kings Mountain high school, Mrs. Guy Trout, registrar, Mrs. Clarence Jolly and Mrs. George Sellers, judges.



RAY CLINE
Ward I Incumbent



W. S. BIDDIX
Ward II Incumbent



LLOYD DAVIS
Ward II Challenger



T. J. ELLISON
Ward III Incumbent



CORBET NICHOLSON
Ward III Challenger



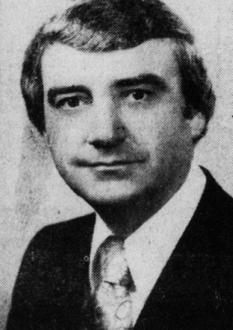
JAMES A. BELT
Ward III Challenger



NORMAN KING
Ward IV Incumbent



DON McABEE
Ward IV Challenger



JONAS BRIDGES
Ward V Incumbent



JAMES AMOS
Ward V Challenger



JAMES DICKEY
Ward VI Incumbent



Murray Pruette
Ward VI Challenger

Debt Consolidation - Bond Vote Saturday

Bennett Chairman Of Elections Body



CHAIRMAN — Luther T. Bennett is the new chairman of the city elections board. Mr. Bennett is a former city commissioner.

Brooks R. Tate Resigns Position; Medical Advice

Luther T. Bennett was sworn Wednesday as a member of the city elections board, replacing Chairman Brooks Tate.

Magistrate J. Lee Roberts administered the oath.

Mr. Tate resigned, he said on advice of his physician.

He, however, will resume for the forthcoming city election on Tuesday his duties as Ward IV registrar, a position which he has filled for several years.

Mr. Bennett, an employee of Phenix Plant of Burlington Industries, is a former city commissioner.

Other members of the board are Mrs. Jack Mercier, secretary and Rev. M. L. Campbell.

SENIOR CITIZENS
The Senior Citizens club meets Friday at 12 noon at the Club house for their regular luncheon.

Medical Staff Taps Dr. Lee

Dr. Joseph Lee has been elected president of the Medical Staff of Kings Mountain hospital for the coming year.

He will succeed Dr. Sam Robinson.

Other officers are Dr. George W. Plonk, vice-president and president-elect; and Dr. Francis J. Sincox, secretary.

COMMUNION SUNDAY
Holy Communion will be observed Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship hour at First Presbyterian church. Christians throughout the world celebrate World-Wide Communion Sunday on Sunday.

SERMON TOPIC
"The Way To Go To The Communion Table" will be the sermon topic of Rev. N. C. Bush at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock Sunday at Grace Methodist church.

Faith Baptist Will Construct Fellowship Hall

Faith Baptist Church has bought a city building permit for construction of a fellowship building at their church plant at 508 Branch street. Cost is estimated at \$10,000. No contractor was listed.

Another permit was issued to James E. Amos for construction of a storage building at his Little Moo restaurant on York Road. Cost is estimated at \$400.

Billy G. Bates bought a permit for a one-room addition to his residence at 1905 Sherwood Drive. Cost is estimated at \$6000 and Raymond Blanton is the contractor.

Jesse W. Morehead bought permit to build a utility building, cost estimate \$950, at his residence at 504 Canstar Street, Bradley Aluminum Products is contractor.

Perimeter zoning permit was issued to Edgar Lee Adams, Jr., for construction of a barber shop building at 308 Crocker Road, Hiawatha Edwards, contractor.

GOSPEL SING
The Director's Quartet of Shelby and the Redemption Quartet of Georgia will be featured in a big gospel sing Saturday night at 7:30 at Midview Baptist church in Midpines community.

Rites Saturday For Burgon Falls

Kings Mountain Native Retired Brick Contractor

Funeral rites for Andy Burgon Falls, 76, retired brick contractor, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Central United Methodist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

His pastor, Rev. Paschal Waugh, assisted by Rev. Paul Riggs, officiated at the final rites.

Active pallbearers were Bun Goforth, Ralph Ware, Mayor John H. Moss, Ken Jenkins, Bill Russell and Fred Kiser.

Mr. Falls died Thursday afternoon at 5 p.m. in Royster Memorial hospital at Boiling Springs after several weeks illness.

He was a native of Kings Mountain, son of Charles B. and Sarah Huffstetler Falls. He was a member of Central Methodist church and a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Smith Falls; one son, Rev. A. B. Falls, Jr. of Swepsonville; three daughters, Mrs. J. P. Sumrell of Shelby, Mrs. H. Gene Washburn of Boiling Springs and Mrs. James Hardin of Shelby; and two sisters, Miss Vera Falls of Lawndale and Mrs. Lawrence Meres of Clarkton, N. C.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Land To Lead Oak View Series

Rev. Gene Land, pastor of Second Baptist church, will be evangelist for revival services beginning Sunday and continuing through October 12th at Oak View Baptist church.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30.

Rev. David Kime, pastor of the church, invites the community to worship in the special services.

School Boards Endorse; Both Pass Or Fail

Cleveland County voters will go to the polls Saturday to determine whether all three school district's bonded debt is consolidated and whether \$4,050,000 in bonds are to be issued for county districts schools.

The answer must be "yes" to both questions, if either is to pass.

The proposals have the endorsement of the three boards of education.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 7:30 p.m.

A light vote total is predicted. Polling places and election of officials in the four Number 4 Township precincts follow:

Bethware, Bethware school, Mrs. J. A. E. Connor, (D) registrar, Mrs. Carolyn Hicks (D) and Mrs. Aileen Herndon (R), judges, East Kings Mountain, City Hall, Mrs. Nell Cranford, (D) registrar, Clavon Kelly (D) and Mrs. Harold Glass (R), judges.

Grover, Grover Rescue Squad Building, Mrs. J. B. Ellis (D), registrar, Mrs. Jim Scruggs (D) and Buford Herndon (R), judges.

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Fish Agreement On City Agenda

The city commission at Monday night's meeting will consider affecting agreements with the North Carolina Wildlife Commission to provide fishing in the new Buffalo Creek lake, and also in the other two city water reservoirs, Davidson and York road.

In Raleigh Friday, Mayor John Henry Moss and Commissioner Norman King conferred with officials of the division of Inland Fisheries and also with Superintendent Gary Stewart.

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John Smathers, Park Yarn Mills General Manager Retired Monday

John C. Smathers, native of Canton, took an accounting course at Kings Business College in Charlotte and went to work for the Ford Motor Company there.

"But," recalls Mr. Smathers, "Ford, switching from the Model T to the Model A, made no Fords in 1927. I chanced into a friend who suggested a man was needed of my training and experience with Johnston Mills."

So, after two years with Ford, Mr. Smathers joined Johnston and stayed 46½ years — until he retired Monday.

He was in the main office at Charlotte in the accounting department until January 1952 when he was transferred to Kings Mountain as general manager of Johnston's Park Yarn Mills Company here. He was shortly appointed Park Yarn's secretary-treasurer and elected a director, a position he held until

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RETIREES — John C. Smathers, general manager of Park Yarn Mills, announced this week that he is retiring.

Weir Retires; 40-Year Grocer Ex-Dairyman, Acting Postmaster

By MARTIN HARMON

"Best you ever saw," is his traditional reply to the how-are-you greetings.

W. T. (Ted) Weir has closed his store at Park Yarn Mills, where he spent just 40 years and five months.

His services there leaves him junior in tenure, however, to Miss Bertha Blanton, with 50 years.

Mr. Weir, in fact, purchased the business in 1933 from Miss Blanton's father, Dock Blanton, and his partner Arthur Falls.

Mr. Weir was leaving a 12-year stint as "the milkman", having taken over Weir's Dairy from his father Samuel Sylvester Weir, when Mr. Weir became Kings Mountain postmaster in 1922.

when he was appointed acting postmaster, a position in which he won acclaim from postal patrons for speed of delivery and dispatch of mail.

Mr. Weir, trading under the ornate trade name of Weir's Store, added coal to his inventory in 1949. His down-to-earth summation of a subsequent coal strike, "John L. (Lewis) won't give, the mine owners won't give, and my customers are about to get cold."

Coal went out of the Weir's Store inventory in 1968.

When he bought the store, Park Yarn Mills owned 74 houses and the store building in the "village". There remain today six houses and the store building. He recalls that the mill company, when the houses had to be moved, gave the occupants \$100

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