

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 14,980 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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Eighty-Fourth Year

Kings Mountain Citizens Anticipating Holidays

Local News Bulletins

PERMITS ISSUED
Charles E. Owens of 402 Fulton Drive was issued permit to build a chimney and Mrs. G. O. Moore of 713 Floyd street obtained a city permit to place a trailer.

REMAINS ILL
John V. (Dan) Stewart, retired farmer of 607 W. Gold street, remains a patient in the Kings Mountain hospital.

ON HONORS LIST
Barbara A. Sipe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Sipe of route 1, is listed on the honors list for the first semester at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Miss Sipe is majoring in Latin American studies.

CONTINUES ILL
Mrs. John Caveny remains a patient in North Carolina Baptist hospital in Winston Salem for treatment and observation.

INFANT BAPTISM
Infant baptismal service will feature the Sunday morning worship hour at 11 at First Presbyterian church.

Santa Helpers Will Aid Needy

The Ministerial Association will be a clearing house for Santa helpers again this year and the former First Union bank building on Battleground Avenue will house the Toys for Tots being collected and repaired for distribution Saturday and Monday.

Needy families will receive assistance by contacting any minister in the area.

Ministers will be ringing bells in the Empty Stocking booth in the business district all weekend and on Christmas Eve to obtain funds for its year-round "Helping Hand" project.

ARP Choir To Sing Cantata

The Youth Choir of Boyce Memorial ARP church will sing a Christmas Cantata Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Martin Harmon and Miss Janice Phifer will be pianist.

Dr. Charles Edwards, pastor, said the community is invited to participate in the service of worship.

City Employees Set Party Friday

City employees, their wives and husbands, will gather for the traditional Christmas party Friday evening at 7 at Kings Mountain Community Center.

The party will include refreshments and presentation of gifts and bonuses.

Presbyterian Choir To Sing Cantata, "Song Unending" Sunday

The 28-voice choir of First Presbyterian church will sing the Christmas cantata, "A Song Unending" at the 11 o'clock worship hour Sunday.

It will be the traditional Joy Gift Service at the church and children of the church will present their "mite boxes" of offerings during the service.

The cantata, by John W. Peterson, will be narrated by Clyde Jones, Mrs. Darrell Austin, organist, will direct the program.

Dr. Paul Ausley, pastor, invites the community to worship in the special Christmas service.

Members of the choir are: Soprano: Kelley Adams, Cheryl Barrett, Lucy Bowman, Tindy Bowman, Nell Hollingsworth, Elizabeth Neisler, Marlene Neisler, Mary Neisler, Melissa Neisler, Stella Lee Neisler, DeAnne Powers, Barbara Rhea, Margaret Smith, and Dottie Southwell.

Also: Arlene Barrett, Juanita Goforth, Diane Harper, Sylvia Morris and Linda Sanders.

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Thieves Hit Timms For Second Haul

TV's Are Again Object Monday; Home Ransacked

Timms Furniture Co. on Grover road was hit by thieves for the second time in two weeks Monday night.

A spokesman for the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department said thieves entered the building by breaking both plate glass windows in the store front and damaging approximately \$1,000 in damage. Six portable television sets were stolen.

Next Herald Issue To Appear Monday

The Herald will advance its next issue to appear on Monday, December 24th.

The traditional pre-Christmas Herald will include Christmas season material, greetings from merchants and regular advertising content.

Advertising deadline is Saturday at 4 p.m. News deadline is Sunday 2 p.m.

The Christmas Eve edition will replace the December 27th edition.

Rites Thursday For Carl Blanton

Funeral rites for William Carl Blanton, 53, of Naples, Fla., former Kings Mountain resident, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Rev. Thomas Wright, Jr. will officiate at the final rites and interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Blanton succumbed to a heart attack Saturday night at 11:15 p.m. at his home. A former Southern Bell Telephone Co. employee here, he was a Mason and a native of Gaffney, S. C. He was son of Mrs. Inez Miller Blanton of Gaffney and the late W. C. Blanton.

The Blantons had been living in Florida for several months.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Mrs. Thelma Wright Blanton; one son, Gary Blanton of Raleigh; two daughters, Mrs. Larry Joseph of Fayetteville and Mrs. J. H. Williams, Jr. of Lawrence, Kansas; and one sister, Mrs. Katherine Weaver of Kings Mountain.

The family will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ethers, 701 Crescent Circle.

Church Cantata At Oak Grove

The Christmas cantata "There Will Always Be a Christmas" will be presented at Oak Grove Baptist church Sunday night at 7 p.m.

The combined churches of David and Oak Grove Baptists have arranged a reciprocal exchange under the direction of Bob Webster.

Last Sunday the choirs sang at the David Baptist church, and this Sunday night the choirs will sing at Oak Grove Baptist church. The church will distribute the bagged Christmas gift treats following the musical program.

Moretz Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Robert Ray Moretz, 62, of Boone, father of Mrs. Violet McCune of Kings Mountain, were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Bethany Lutheran church of Boone. Interment following in the church cemetery.

Rev. Gilbert Goodman officiated at the final rites.

Mr. Moretz died Wednesday in Kings Mountain hospital.

He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucille Boyd Moretz; and one sister, Miss Cynthia Moretz, of Boone.

School Holidays Began Wednesday

School holidays began yesterday.

It will be a long holiday for students and teachers. Students report back to school on January 3, faculty returning a day earlier for a workday on January 2.

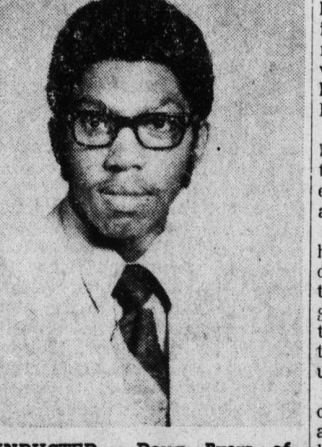
Hungry Thieves Raid Lunchroom

A taste for turkey giblets and hamburger apparently caused intruders who entered the lunch room at West school during the weekend to overlook a valuable haul of meats, according to police reports.

Police said that sometimes between Friday to early Monday the school lunchroom was entered by breaking a pane of glass and unlocking the door.

Missing were 10 pounds of ham urger which had been left out at room temperature to thaw and two pounds of turkey giblets. Wieners for hot dogs on the menu Monday and whole turkeys in the freezers were left untouched, said police.

Police also reported two bolt cutters and an undetermined amount of other equipment and building supplies were reported taken from break-ins into three trailers containing construction equipment on the site of the new junior high school during the weekend.



INDUCTED — Doug Byers of Kings Mountain has been inducted into membership by Alpha Psi Omega dramatics fraternity at Gardner Webb college.

Reynolds Sixth In Police Class At Washington

Thomas Richard Reynolds, patrolman with the city police department, graduated December 14th from the Police Training School conducted by the U. S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, National Training Institute, in Washington, D. C.

Ptl. Reynolds, the only patrolman in a class of police officers and inspectors from 17 states and four foreign countries, finished sixth in his class and received his diploma after a 10-weeks training period.

He has been a member of the city police force since June 19, 1969 except for a three-months period when he served with the Shelby police force.

Ptl. Reynolds also received a certificate of training from the International Association of Chiefs of Police after completed courses in management methods of instruction conducted at the National Training Institute in Washington.

Dixon Choir To Give Play

The Dixon Presbyterian church choir will present the one-act play, "Blue Overalls Angel," Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the church.

Jeff Grigg, third grader at Grover school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Grigg, portrays the leading of "Jeanie," a little child who searches on Christmas eve for a Christmas angel. Tommy Berry, high school junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Berry, has the role of the church janitor. Supporting roles are played by Trudy Childers as Clarissa and George Sellers Jr. as the church choir director. Other members of the choir participate in the pageant and in singing Christmas carols. Kathy Stewart will be narrator.

Glenn Roundtree is directing the choir and Miss Beverly Stewart is pianist.

Following the program, Santa Claus will distribute treats and gifts in the church fellowship hall.

Bethlehem Calls Jerry Laughter

Rev. Jerry Laughter, Kings Mountain native, assumes new duties as associate pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church January 1.

Mr. Laughter comes to the Bethlehem church after a three year pastorate in Casar as pastor of Casar Baptist church. Before entering the ministry he served as minister of music in the Gaston Association for eight years.

He attended Gardner Webb college and is a 1971 graduate of Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Laughter of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Laughter is the former Frances A. Williams, also a Kings Mountain native, and they are parents of two children, Kenny, age six, and Renee, 11.

The Laughter family expects to occupy the Bethlehem parsonage after January 1.

Rev. Russell Flitts is pastor of the church.

Post To Treat Needy Children

Otis D. Green Post 155 will treat underprivileged children at the annual Children's Party Sunday afternoon.

Hotdogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings will be served beginning at 12:30 and Santa Claus will distribute treats to children.

Names of children to be feted are being obtained via the various school offices.

Baptist Cantata Sunday 7:30

"The Joyous News of Christmas," a cantata by Joe E. Parks, will be presented by the church choir of First Baptist church, Kings Mountain, Sunday evening, December 23, 7:30 p.m.

Scripture and song combine to bring alive the beautiful story of Christ's birth. In a traditional manner, yet with some contemporary sounds, the very singable melodies present a background of beauty to the familiar words.

Lake Authority Members Named

Six of seven members of the Kings Mountain Lake Authority have been appointed by the city commission.

They include: Henry P. Neisler, industrialist; Glee Edwin Bridges, hardware man; M. C. Pruitt, city commissioner; Ray Cline, city commissioner; Corbet Nicholson, city commissioner; John Henry Moss, Mayor.

Citizens Are Petitioning Board To Reappoint Chief



ASSOCIATE PASTOR — Rev. Jerry Laughter will become associate pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church January 1.

England Rites Are Conducted

Funeral rites for William Jake England, 75, of 103 Stowe Acres, were conducted Monday afternoon at 3:30 from Second Baptist church of which he was a member.

His pastor, Rev. Eugene Land was assisted by Rev. Mitchell Pruitt and Dr. Sanford Lamm officiating at the final rites, and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. England died Saturday in the Kings Mountain hospital.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. L. England.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Arviere Myers England; and one brother, Luther England of Gastonia.

Dr. Jane Taylor Earns Degree

Dr. Jane Peeler Taylor, Kings Mountain native, has earned her doctorate degree in counselor education from the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Taylor is the former Miss Jane Adele Peeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Peeler of Country Club Acres, Shelby, former residents. Mr. Peeler is a former superintendent of Phenix Plant.

Mrs. Taylor is married to Dr. Edward Taylor, director of staff development for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health.

Tax Supervisor Robert Gidney Announcing Plans To Retire

Robert S. (Bob) Gidney, 63, county tax supervisor since 1966 and a member of the county tax office since 1945, has announced his retirement effective at the end of the year.

Mr. Gidney came to the office as a collector and in 1964 was appointed assistant tax supervisor. He became supervisor in 1965 upon the retirement of Max Hamrick.

Cleveland County commissioners Monday appointed Jim Hendrick, former manager of the Fallston Branch of Union Trust Company and assistant tax supervisor since September, as acting supervisor.

"It was not an easy decision to make," Gidney said about his retirement, "but under the circumstances I felt it was a justifiable one." Gidney said health reasons are his reason for his retiring. "I will be available to assist Jim in any way I can," he added.

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Football Players Honored By Lions

Football players honored by Lions club to outstanding football players on the Mountaineer team at Kings Mountain high school. From left to right: Roy Putnam, most improved player; John Plonk, John Gamble scholastic trophy; David Bell, Fred Plonk blocking trophy; and Denn's Hogue, most valuable player. Coach Bob Jones, right, made presentation. (Photo by I. G. Alexander)



FOOTBALL PLAYERS HONORED BY LIONS — Pictured are winners of the top trophies from Kings Mountain Lions club to outstanding football players on the Mountaineer team at Kings Mountain high school. From left to right: Roy Putnam, most improved player; John Plonk, John Gamble scholastic trophy; David Bell, Fred Plonk blocking trophy; and Denn's Hogue, most valuable player. Coach Bob Jones, right, made presentation. (Photo by I. G. Alexander)

Holiday Period Varies; Several Paying Bonuses

A large segment of Kings Mountain area citizens will enjoy a several-day Christmas holiday.

Length of the holiday is variable, from two days to 11.

Some firms will pay Christmas bonuses based on length of service. Christmas parties are being held by most establishments with gifts and/or bonuses being distributed to employees, a Herald survey revealed.

Longest holiday will be taken by employees of Mauney Hosiery Mills who will suspend operations this afternoon, returning to work on January 2nd. Charles E. Mauney, the plant's general manager, said the management decided on the longer holiday to cut back use of oil. Employees will receive bonuses and a gift of their choice from a merchandise catalog.

Shortest holidays will be observed by employees of K Mills, Duplex and Kinmont Industries who will be closed only on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. K Mills will present gift certificates to employees. Bonuses will be distributed to employees by Duplex, based on length of service.

Burlington Mills will observe a four-day holiday, closing Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Bonus payments will be made based on length of service. Traditional children's Christmas party for employees families was held Sunday at the Community Center. Santa Claus and elves were on hand to distribute gifts and treats to the young folk and refreshments were served.

BVD Textiles will close following the second shift Saturday, returning to work January 1 with the third shift. Christmas bonuses will be distributed and gift appliances will be given to employees. Children of employees were entertained at the annual Christmas party Saturday afternoon at the Community Center and Santa was on hand to distribute treats and gifts to the youngsters. Refreshments were also served.

Neisler Industries will suspend operations on Friday, reopening Monday, December 31. Christmas gifts will be presented to employees. Traditional office Christmas party will be held at the Country Club Friday evening. Mill supervisors held a traditional party Tuesday evening at the Country Club.

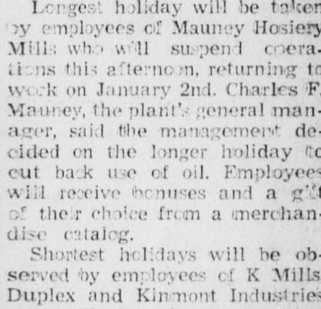
Mauney Mills will suspend operations Saturday morning at 6 a.m., reopening on Sunday night, Dec. 30th, at 10 p.m. Bonuses and gifts will be presented to employees.

Carolina Throwing Company will suspend operations on Saturday night, reopening on Monday, Dec. 31. Some office employees will report to work on Christmas Eve. Gifts will be presented to employees.

Sadie Cotton Mills will close for the holidays at 10 p.m. Saturday, reopening at 10 p.m. December 30th. Bonuses and gifts will be distributed to all employees.

Employees of Oxford Industries will take a holiday following.

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UNITED METHODIST — Full military funeral rites for Richard L. Croker were conducted Wednesday afternoon.

Croker's Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Petty Officer Richard (Dick) Croker, 39, Kings Mountain native, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Central United Methodist church with full military honors.

The veteran of 19 years service in the United States navy succumbed to rare disease of the blood vessels Saturday at 6:50 a.m. in Charleston, S. C. Naval Hospital. He had been seriously ill four months.

He would have been able to retire from the navy next May.

Son of Mrs. Ellen Petrosino of Kings Mountain and the late R. P. Croker, he attended Kings Mountain high school and joined the navy as a young man. He was among a hand-picked crew for duty aboard the USS New Jersey and had been stationed in North Augusta, S. C. after being service around the world for eight months aboard the USS Tripoli in Vietnam where he was awarded the Navy Unit and Meritorious Unit Commendations. He had distinguished himself as a top recruiter of navy-men, tapped as one of the top three recruiters of the year for his district.

He had been stationed at the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station in Augusta, S. C. since 1971. He served aboard the USS Osborne, the USS John R. Craig, the USS Hanson, the USS Coral Sea, the USS Tripoli and the Battleship USS New Jersey. He and his family resided at 1036 McKenzie street in North Augusta, S. C.

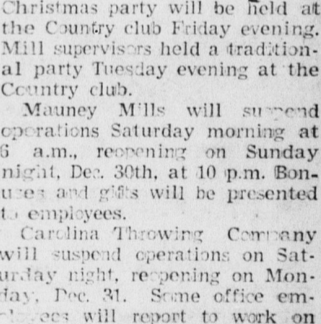
He was a member of Central United Methodist church.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Mrs. Jean Callahan Croker; and two sons, Jerry and Pat, and daughter, Vickie Croker, all of the home; and one sister, Mrs. Charles Edwards of Cherryville.

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