

The Way We Were

25 Years Ago In Kings Mountain
• Taking A Stroll Down Memory Lane •

Population	
Greater Kings Mountain	21,914
City Limits	8,256

The Greater Kings Mountain figure is derived from the special United States Bureau of the Census report of January 1980, and includes the 14,990 population of Number 4 Township, and the remaining 6,924 from Number 5 Township in Cleveland County and Crowder's Mountain Township in Gaston County.

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Full Priority Approval For \$388,500 Sewer Grant

Over 100, Not Over 200, PHA Dwelling Units Here

Federal Agency Action Expected In Near Future

HAA Economist Here On Monday For Needs Survey
By MARTIN HARMON

An economist of the regional office of the Housing Assistance Agency Department of Housing and Urban Development will recommend "more than 100, but not more than 200" public housing units for Kings Mountain.

Miss Frances Barrett, of Atlanta, made the statement Monday in a forum on public housing, after completing a tour of the city and areas within a mile of the city limits in a survey of the community's rental housing.

The Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority had filed an application for 400 units.

Miss Barrett is to return next week to complete her survey.

Present at the forum were J. Wilson Crawford, real estate broker, Mrs. J. E. Mauney, owner of rental housing, Tom Tate, secretary - treasurer of Home Savings & Loan Association, Frank Eallard, grocer and owner of rental housing, Mayor John Henry Moss, and William Orr and Martin Harmon, members of the board of directors of Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

Among statements made by Miss Barrett:

1. Families with gross income above stipulated amounts are ineligible to be public housing tenants, with exception of recipients of social security.

2. The term "sub-standard house" has many definitions. She added any dwelling without sanitation facilities is automatically sub-standard, as is a two-family dwelling with only one bath.

3. Public housing developments, with which she has been acquainted since 1942, have not displaced local wage scales.

4. Public housing encourages landlords to upgrade rental property and to attract tenants more able to pay.

5. The local housing authority has the power of eminent domain, is required by law to employ professional licensed appraisers when purchasing building sites.

6. Her agency supplies planning funds and construction funds for projects until they are 90 percent complete. The local authority then sells bonds, repays the government loan, and amortizes the bonds. Deficits for bond payments are underwritten by the federal government.

7. Tenants in public housing who prove undesirable, or who mutilate their dwelling, are evicted.

8. Undesirables may be denied admission, even when meeting the annual income test.

9. Many families have greater annual income than they think they do.

Authority Chairman John L. McGill entertained Miss Barrett, Mayor Moss and members of the (Continued On Page Eight)

Babb Candidate For School Post



CANDIDATE — Bill Babb, Bethware community citizen, filed notice of candidacy Monday for the Kings Mountain district board of education.

School Board File Is Lone Additional Entry

Bill Babb, owner of Babb's Garage, became the first candidate for the board of education, as he filed with the city clerk Monday.

Mr. Babb seeks the seat in the outside-city district being vacated by H. O. (Toby) Williams. The term of office is six years. Mr. Babb's filing was the lone formal political activity of the week.

Richard E. (Dick) Shaney is challenging Ward 5 City Commissioner O. O. Walker.

No other candidates have filed and the rumor mill produced little grist.

All other members of the John Henry Moss Administration are expected to seek re-election, including the Mayor, Commissioners Ray Cline, Ward 1; W. S. Biddix, Ward 2; T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3; and Norman King, Ward 4.

James E. Guyton has indicated he will seek the Ward 3 seat and Dewey Stivers is rumored a possible challenger to Norman King, who defeated Mr. Stivers two years ago.

On basis of past history, there is certain to be another candidate for the Ward 5 seat from the Negro community. Hazel Gill, who has offered previously, is being mentioned among Negro leaders as a possible candidate, as is Leroy Blanton.

Kelly Bunch has indicated he will seek the school board seat.

Candidate Babb is Bethware community citizen, a member and deacon and teacher in David's Baptist church, a Mason, volunteer fireman with the Bethlehem department, active in the Bethware Parent-Teacher association, and Bethware Community Fair.

Mrs. Babb is the former Betty Jean Harmon. They have three children, Gary, Susan and Kevin Babb.



APPOINTED — Congressman Basil L. Whitener has announced the appointment of Larry Patrick of Kings Mountain to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Patrick Tapped For West Point

Congressman Basil L. Whitener announced this week the appointment of Henry Lawrence Patrick Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Patrick, Sr., 523 Battleground Road, Kings Mountain, to the United States Military Academy.

Patrick is a senior at Kings Mountain high school. He has been very active in academic and athletic activities. During his high school career he has been awarded the John Gamble, Youth of the Year and Oratorical Trophies. In addition, he has won three declamation medals.

Patrick also has been a member of the Monogram, Science, and French clubs.

He has been an outstanding member of the Boy Scouts of America. He is an Eagle Scout with Silver and Bronze Palms. He has also won the God and Country Award.

Patrick is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Kings Mountain, where he is president of his Sunday School class and the Young People's Organization.

In announcing Patrick's appointment to West Point, Congressman Whitener stated in Washington that he was delighted.

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Maner "Refreshed" By Bureaucrats

Bob Maner, Republican leader, serving in the capacity of chairman of the Kings Mountain planning commission, was recommending to the board of commissioners that professional assistance be employed to map a five-year program of urban beautification.

At the conclusion, he paid a compliment to federal bureaucracy, as represented by Gene Gibbons, of the regional office of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.

"I am refreshed," he said, "after working with these folk to find they not only know what they're doing, but require that we do when seeking federal funds."

Mayor John Henry Moss named himself, Commissioners Ray Cline, O. O. Walker and Norman King a committee to report in late March on implementing Chairman Maner's planning board recommendation.

METHODIST TOPIC — Rev. Howard R. Jordan's sermon topic at 11 o'clock services on Palm Sunday will be "Who Is This?" The evening service will be at 7 o'clock.



EASTER SEAL DRIVE UNDERWAY — Three members of the Junior Woman's club are pictured above completing the mailing of Easter Seals to citizens in the Kings Mountain area. Belling Springs, Mooresboro, Casar, Polkville, Waco, Swainsville and Grover, Mrs. Bill Allen is standing and seated are Miss Jackie Blanton, left, club president, and Miss Mary Alice McDonald, The March fund-raising campaign aids in the treatment of crippled children and adults. Bill Plonk, Kings Mountain campaign chairman, said children dressed in Easter bunny suits would conduct an on-street solicitation March 25th to culminate the drive locally. Earl Propst is Cleveland County Easter Seal campaign chairman. (Photo by Paul Lemmons).

HUD's Gibbons Compliments City



SPEAKER — Humorist H. G. Seawell, Jr., Carthage attorney, will make the address at the annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce March 20.

Official Says City Solving Its Problems

"Congress appropriates to help you solve your local problems and you are doing a good job in solving them," Gene Gibbons, Housing and Urban Development regional office official complimented the city commission Tuesday night.

Mr. Gibbons summarized briefly federal government formuli in various federal aid programs administered by HUD.

Noting the some \$7,500,000 in Kings Mountain public facilities are planned, he said that approval of the Cansler street widening project would make the city eligible for "another \$900,000 in federal funds."

He said that state expenditures (as the Cansler street project) count as local contributions in federal share programs.

Among items Mr. Gibbons mentioned are available to home owners with incomes of \$3000 or less for upgrading their (Continued on Page Eight)



EVANGELIST — Rev. Alfred Wright, pastor of Gastonia's South Main Street Baptist church, will be evangelist for revival services March 19-22, Sunday through Wednesday, at Eastside Baptist church. Services will be at 7:30 nightly. Wright is a Kings Mountain native.

\$40,000 Addition For K Mills

K Mills, Kings Mountain upholstery manufacturer, is building an addition estimated to cost \$40,000.

Building permit for the industry, located off Floyd Street, was issued by the city this week.

Hobart Dye is contractor. (Continued on Page Eight)

Vote Petitions May Be Filed

Petitions asking an election to determine legalizing sale of wine and beer for off-premises consumption and legal sale of liquor via ABC stores are expected to be filed next week with the district legislative delegation.

The city commission, which serves as the city election board, will be asked to authenticate the signatures, one of the circulators said to 1) determine that 511 citizens signed (making the call of the beer-wine election mandatory on the board) and 2) to show the legislative delegation there is sufficient demand on part of Kings Mountain citizens to authorize an ABC election by legislative.

The petitions seek elections on both questions and the spokesman said the "wet" decision by the Supreme Court in the Reidsville case has made no change in Kings Mountain "wets" modus operandi to seek and election at the ballot box. A General Assembly act establishing liquor stores in Reidsville minus an election was upheld by the Supreme Court in a 5 to 2 decision.

Frank Black's Brother Passes

Funeral rites for Charlie L. Black, 63, of Portsmouth, Va., brother of Frank Black of Kings Mountain, were held Wednesday in Portsmouth.

Mr. Black was a native of Cleveland County.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Nellie Self, of Shelby; a daughter and four sons, all of Portsmouth.

VISITED HERE — Captain and Mrs. Donald McCarter of San Antonio, Texas visited here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter and other relatives. Enroute to Texas, the McCarters visited Captain McCarter's brother, Captain Jerry McCarter, at Tyndall AFB in Panama City, Florida.



ORMAND HONORED ON BIRTHDAY — B. Meek Ormand was honored by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club on his 98th birthday Thursday and his silver anniversary of perfect attendance in the civic club. Mary Beth Ramsey, left, sang "Happy Birthday"; Hugh Ormand stands beside his father and Kiwanis President Dan Finger is at far right. (Photo by Paul Lemmons).

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