

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1951

Population
City Limits 7,193
(Final Unofficial Census 1950)
Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Ration Board Figures)

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Stallings Will Head Annual Polio Appeal

Local News Bulletins

JAYCEE PARTY
Members of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold a club dinner-dance at the Kings Mountain Country Club Saturday night. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 o'clock.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE
The Kings Mountain Country Club will hold a New Year's Night dinner dance at the club on Monday evening. Gene Wallace and his orchestra will furnish music for the dance. Dinner will be served at 8 o'clock and members are asked to make reservations as early as possible.

KIWANIS DIRECTORS
Incoming and outgoing directors of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold a dinner meeting at the Woman's Club on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Purpose of the meeting will be to organize for the coming year.

HALF-HOLIDAY
Merchants resumed this week the customary Wednesday half-holiday. The half-holiday had been suspended during the Christmas shopping season to better accommodate the buying public.

PARKING MONEY
A total of \$186.63 was collected from the city's parking meters Wednesday according to a report by City Clerk S. A. Crouse. The mortgage on the meters has been paid for and all collections stay in the city treasury.

Holiday Quiet Here; Fifteen Cases Tried
Kings Mountain spent a quiet Christmas weekend according to Police Chief N. M. Farr who reported no wrecks and comparatively few arrests. Only fifteen cases were tried in recorder's court at the regular weekly session held Wednesday afternoon.

Nine defendants were convicted on charges of public drunkenness and were ordered to pay fines and/or costs of court. Bill Beatty, 23, was sentenced to serve 30 days under the supervision of the county commissioner. Beatty was charged with public drunkenness and violations of terms of previous convictions.

John Anderson paid costs on charges of assault, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness. Ed D. Crawford, of Bessemer City, paid costs after conviction on a charge of operating a vehicle with improper brakes.

Walter Eugene Brooks, charged with abandonment and non-support, was ordered to pay costs and to pay \$10 weekly to the clerk for support of his family.

Harvey Ramsey paid a fine of \$10 and costs after conviction on an assault charge. Augusta Talley, of Slay, S. C., was fined \$100 and costs and ordered not to operate a car in North Carolina for two years after conviction on charges of driving drunk and without an operator's license.

Judge W. Faison Barnes presided.

Jaycees Sponsoring Dance Friday Night
The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a public dance at the high school gymnasium Friday night from 8 o'clock to midnight. It was announced this week.

Fund Campaign To Begin Here On January 15

Sam Stallings, industrial engineer of Burlington Mills' Phenix plant, will serve as chairman of the 1951 March of Dimes campaign in Kings Mountain.

Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Stallings was made Wednesday by Robert Morgan, of Shelby, county chairman of the drive which will have as its goal \$20,000 to fight infantile paralysis and to provide treatment for victims of the dread disease.

The Cleveland County chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation currently shows a \$6,812 deficit, Mr. Morgan said. The deficit representing excess of treatment costs for Cleveland county patients over funds collected in previous years. He pointed out that 11 cases of polio occurred in the county during 1950 and that the chapter is also paying for brace adjustments and periodic medical check-ups for more than 30 other county victims of polio.

Franklin Avenue Open To Traffic

The new million-dollar Franklin avenue strip of Highways 29 and 74 was opened to traffic this week.

The 3.2-mile piece of road in Gastonia is a smooth, wide concrete strip and will eliminate the detours which have been necessary during the construction period.

Gastonia's Franklin avenue was once known as the "worst piece of road on Highway 29." It was a patch-work of ruts and holes, with much of it bisected by rail tracks.

Price Of Milk To Advance Here

Milk prices in Kings Mountain will advance next week. Most milk distributors have informed retailers that they will advance the price of milk approximately one cent per quart effective January 1.

J. M. Patterson Rites Conducted On Wednesday

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock for John Martin Patterson, 80, prominent retired businessman who died Monday night at 9 o'clock after an illness of several years.

Rev. W. L. Pressly officiated and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Patterson was long a Kings Mountain grocer and was formerly secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company. He was a member of Boyce Memorial A. R. P. church and was a Mason, having received his 50-year pin over a year ago.

He was the son of the late Emanuel and Barbara Shuford Patterson.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Roberta Simonton Patterson, a son, Malcolm and two daughters, Misses Marian and Leone Patterson, of Kings Mountain; two brothers, George V. Patterson, of Gastonia, and Ed Patterson, of Kings Mountain; and two sisters, Mrs. G. D. Hambricht, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Charles Borders, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Active pallbearers were Norman McGill, Harold Plonk, Fred Plonk, Lloyd Patterson, Garrison Goforth, J. E. Anthony, Jr., Wendell Phifer and John O. Plonk, Jr.

10 Fires Work Firemen Overtime

City firemen have been working overtime during December and particularly during the past week.

The tally on fire alarms through Thursday afternoon was 18 for the month, ten of them in the period from Saturday through Tuesday.

Fortunately, the majority of the fires were grass and woods fires and resulted in no damage. One alarm was to extinguish a fire in the Victory Chevrolet Company's paint shop and this was accomplished with only slight damage resulting.

Oddly enough, the firemen had two alarms at the same time on Saturday at 1:15 p. m. On Sunday, there were three alarms at the same time, also at 1:15 p. m.

Firemen got to rest on Christmas Day, but their "business" started again on Tuesday.

1950 Was Busy Year News Review Reveals



KIWANIS PRESIDENT—L. E. Abbott, Kings Mountain banker, is the newly elected president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. He will be installed as president at the meeting of the club next Thursday night. Mr. Abbott succeeds Hugh Ballard.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Gunnells

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at First Baptist church for Mrs. Olga Stroup Gunnells, 68, who died Monday morning at 7:15 a. m. at her home on Oriental avenue.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell, the pastor, and Rev. W. F. Monroe, of Temple Baptist church, officiated and burial was in Spencer Mountain cemetery near Gastonia.

She had been in failing health for two years.

Mrs. Gunnells was a member of High Shoals Baptist church. Her husband, Robert Gunnells, died 47 years ago.

Survivors include two sons, O. T. and Robert I. Gunnells, both of Kings Mountain, a brother, Sam Stroup, of Kings Mountain, a half-brother, A. A. Jones, of Lincolnton, a sister, Mrs. W. A. Hawkins, of Kings Mountain, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Tag Sales Delayed Ahead of 1950 Pace

Despite a late start, sale of city automobile license tags for 1951 is considerably ahead of 1950 sales at this date last year according to Mrs. Ray Kirby, assistant city treasurer.

The 1951 plates were several days late in arriving from the manufacturer but sales through Wednesday had reached 371 as compared to sales of 278 last year. Tags went on sale December 7th.

All city residents are required by city ordinance to purchase and display license plates for all vehicles by January 1st. A total of 1,123 tags were sold for 1950.

City Had Full Quota of Both Good, Bad News

The year 1950 comes to an end Sunday night, giving way to 1951. The beginning of the new half-century was an eventful one, both for the world and for Kings Mountain.

The big news of the year was the Korean War, a continuing chapter of news that is still far from completed and which may lead to all-out war only five-plus years after the end of World War II.

Effects of the war in Kings Mountain, as shown by a review of Herald headlines included the renewal of the selective service process, higher prices, brisk textile activity, recall of reservists to the armed services, and new army casualty lists saddening Kings Mountain homes.

Locally, there was plenty of big news too. In the good news division were beginning of construction of Kings Mountain hospital and paving of several rural roads. A continuing news event of the year was the thus-far unsuccessful efforts to get a gas terminal for the city, which has been a flag stop since February 16.

Otherwise, citizens here had some interesting experiences in the local part of the national census-taking job, deplored the curtailment of mail delivery schedules, and got excited over county and state political races in the spring. The American Legion post purchased a building and the Kings Mountain Country Club paid off its mortgage.

The city proved liberal again, supporting eight fund drives for various causes, adding another in providing a life-saving operation for Kaye McCarter who had a fatal heart condition, contributed clothing in a P-T-A drive, and bought poppies. Most participated in helping the needy at Christmas.

It was a unique year business-wise. Generally, most industrial concerns had a prosperous year, with several plants getting back into operation under new ownership. These included Loom-Tex Corporation, Lambeth Rope Corporation, and Foote Mineral Company. Mauney Hosiery Company increased its production with more building and machines. In the retail field, it was a good year for furniture and appliance dealers and automobile concerns.

Soft goods merchants could not brag about the first eleven months, but benefited from a heavy Christmas shopping season. The farmer was ravaged by the boll weevil.

Bad Furniture was the major new retail firm opened, but several others closed their doors.

Six Kings Mountain men appeared on army casualty lists. Pvt. Rufus G. Huffstickler, Pvt. Billy Owen and S/Sgt. Henry R. Franklin were reported missing in action, and Pfc. Charles E. Rowe, Pfc. Jack E. Reynolds and Pfc. Floyd K. Clark were wounded in action.

There were several tragic deaths. Four persons were killed in an auto-car wreck at the Kings Mountain intersection. Marvin Randall was killed by a train. James Wyle, Jr., lost his life in a freak accident, and Franklin Greer was crushed to death.

Death also removed a number of well-known citizens including John North Smith, Robert D. Miller, Joseph Stanhope Mauney, Mrs. William H. Dettmar, Franklin Grady Waterson, Luther Ralph Mitchem, Leone Ware, W. O. Falls, Hunter Caldwell, W. C. Kimmel, W. G. Hughes, Mrs. Joe Cole, Mrs. Howard Jenkins, Mrs. Gene Ware, W. M. Hord and J. M. Patterson.

Phone Rental Fees To Advance On January 1

Beginning Monday, Kings Mountain's 16-plus telephone subscribers will start paying higher rentals for the privilege of calling their neighbors and the corner grocer.

Rate increases recently authorized by the North Carolina Utilities Commission become effective January 1, and, since rental fees are payable in advance, will be reflected in January 1 billings.

Some additional service will be available for residential subscribers, who will now be able to call Shelby and Grover without paying toll charges. This service was previously granted business subscribers without charge.

At some future date, all telephone subscribers here will get free service to Bessemer City, according to announcement by E. N. Orr, Jr., Gastonia district manager. Mr. Orr said the free service to Bessemer City will be provided when certain equipment installations are completed.

Long distance tolls remain the same, as do installation fees, but semi-public telephone subscribers will find their guarantee rate hiked from 15 cents per day to 21 cents per day.

Biggest increase will be for business telephones, with most subscribers paying \$1.75 per month additional rental. Most residential users will be paying 75 cents more per month.

The following rate table shows the new monthly rates as compared to the present rates which expire December 31.

Business Phones	New	Old
One-party	\$6.50	\$4.75
Two-party	\$7.75	\$4.00
Four-party	\$5.00	\$3.50
Rural	\$3.50	\$2.75

Residential

One-party	\$3.50	\$2.75
Two-party	\$3.00	\$2.25
Four-party	\$2.50	\$2.00
Rural	\$2.50	\$2.00

40 County Men To Be Inducted

Forty Cleveland County men will be inducted into the army on January 19.

The Cleveland County selective service board has received orders to furnish that number of men for induction on that date.

On January 12 the board will fill a pre-induction quota of 75 men.

Annual Tax Listing Will Begin Monday



PASSES SUNDAY—William M. Hord, above, for 40 years a well-known Kings Mountain grocer, died Sunday. He was 81 years old.

Funeral Held For W. M. Hord

Funeral services for William M. Hord, 81, who died Sunday afternoon after an illness of two years, were held at First Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., officiated and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

M. Hord was a prominent Kings Mountain grocer for 40 years until he retired 12 years ago. He was a member of First Baptist church.

His wife, the former Miss Charity Keller, died six years ago.

Survivors include the ten children, Charles Hord, of Charlotte, Jake and Horace Hord, of Kings Mountain, William Hord, of Bridgeport, Conn., Kiser Hord, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. D. B. Wallace, of Goldsboro, Mrs. L. W. Davis, of Concord, and Mrs. Bun Goforth, Mrs. Jim White and Mrs. G. V. Petty, all of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Kendrick, of Cherryville, and Mrs. J. C. Keller and Mrs. Ed Hord, of Kings Mountain; 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were William Miles Hord, Jake Hord, Jr., W. M. Baker, Dorus Bennett, William H. Wallace and Lemly Roberts.

JAYCEE MEETING

Regular meeting of the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club. The meeting will be devoted to work of the forthcoming Jaycee Minstrel, according to announcement by W. Faison Barnes, president.

Patrons of the First National Bank are being reminded again this week that, effective next Tuesday, the bank will close an hour earlier each full business day.

City, County Listers To Be At City Hall

The annual job of listing taxes begins Monday.

B. D. Ratterree, county list taker, and Joe McDaniel, Jr., city list taker, will be at the city hall courtroom from 8:30 to 5 p. m. to accept the property declarations.

The city lister will be on the job every weekday. Mr. Ratterree will follow a similar schedule with the exception of January 11, 18 and 25, when he will be at Herndon's Store in Grover to better accommodate citizens of that area.

All owners of property, both real and personal, are required to list their properties for taxes during the month of January and the law provides penalties for those who fail to list and for those who do not list within the month.

Male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for poll tax, and farmers are also required to make a farm report.

Tax officials are urging all citizens to complete the listing job as early as possible, in order to avoid the customary last-minute rush.

"By listing in the early days of the month," they pointed out, "delays will be virtually eliminated."

New Bank Hours 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Patrons of the First National Bank are being reminded again this week that, effective next Tuesday, the bank will close an hour earlier each full business day.

The bank will be open daily from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. for general banking business, excepting Wednesdays, when the bank will close at noon.

The personal loan department will be open from 3 to 5 p. m. in the afternoon, and officers of the bank will also be on duty during these hours to handle loans and other related business.

The new schedule will enable the bank to have its full staff on duty at all times during the full day's schedule for general banking, officials have pointed out. They feel the change will speed up service to all patrons.

Hughes Clothing To Close Saturday

Hughes Clothing Company, Kings Mountain haberdashery, will close its branch here at the end of the business day Saturday.

Clyde K. Hughes, owner of the establishment, announced last month that the firm was closing its Kings Mountain branch and for the past month has conducted a going-out-of-business sale.

Mr. Hughes purchased the business from D. L. Saunders last January. He also operates a men's store and ladies' shop at Union, S. C.

Jaycees To Collect Paper January 7

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct a paper collection on January 7, according to announcement yesterday by Faison Barnes, president.

The pick-up will be another in a regular schedule of collections conducted by the Jaycees.

The drives are conducted for two purposes: 1) to salvage waste paper; 2) to earn money for the public parks and recreation fund.

1951 General Assembly To Convene Wednesday; Issues Are Listed

The 1951 session of the North Carolina General Assembly will convene next Wednesday.

Cleveland county will be represented by one new and one veteran legislator. Clyde Noan, of Shelby, will be in the Senate, succeeding Senator Lee B. Weathers, while Representative B. T. Falls, Jr., will return for another term in the House of Representatives.

Newsmen and political observers are predicting an eventful session, with most of the business of the legislature to concern financial matters.

Size of the budget requests for the forthcoming two years were greatly increased, but some guessers feel the Advisory Budget commission has already slashed some of the requests.