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(Final Unofficial Census 1950)
Immediate Trading Area 15,000
(1945 Nation Board Figures)

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New Mayor Suggests Possible Sale Of Power Distribution System To Duke STILL AND DAVIS WIN RUN-OFF ELECTION

City Board Dismisses Farr, Barnes, White; Retains Fuller and Sam Suber



COMMEMENT SPEAKERS — Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, left, pastor of Charlotte's First Methodist church, and Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., right, pastor of Kings Mountain's First Baptist church, will deliver the principal addresses at the annual commencement exercises of Kings Mountain high school.

Cashwell And Tuttle Are Finals Speakers

Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver the commencement sermon, and Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, pastor of Charlotte's First Methodist church, will deliver the commencement address at the annual graduation exercises at Kings Mountain high school on June 3 and 4.

Both programs will begin at 8 p. m.

Announcement was made yesterday by N. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools.

Rev. Mr. Cashwell is the young, popular pastor of First Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Tuttle, a native of Lenoir, has held many positions and pastored in the Methodist church. He was educated at Duke University, graduating in 1927, and obtained his B. D. degree at Yale in 1934. He has served as a Methodist pastor at High Point, Concord, Thomasville, and Asheville. For three years he was pastor of a Congregational church in New Haven, Conn.

"We feel most fortunate in obtaining these men for our commencement season addresses," Mr. Barnes said.

In obtaining a Kings Mountain minister for the commencement sermon, the school continues a policy of several years' standing.

AT HOSPITAL
Mrs. A. C. Stewart has assumed the duties of laboratory and X-ray technician at Kings Mountain hospital, replacing Miss Lois West. Mrs. Stewart comes to Kings Mountain from Gaston Memorial hospital. She is residing at 124 N. Piedmont avenue.

IN 5TH DIVISION
Pvt. James A. Childers, US 53-100-548, is now serving with Battery "C", 47th AAA Bn., 2nd Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, Indiantown Gap, Military Reservation, Pa.

ATTEND CONVENTION
Tolly Shuford, T. W. Grayson and Dan Huffstetler attended the annual convention of North Carolina Lions clubs held at Winston-Salem on Monday and Tuesday.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL
Mrs. W. B. Logan has returned to her home and is recuperating from an operation she underwent in the Shelby hospital on Monday.

COWPENS HERE MONDAY
The Cowpens, S. C., juniors are scheduled to meet the Kings Mountain juniors in an exhibition game at City Stadium Monday night, May 28, at 7:45 o'clock.

HOMECOMING
Homecoming and Memorial Day will be observed at Allen's Memorial Church, Sunday, May 27. The public is invited to attend. Bring well-filled picnic baskets.

Junior Baseball Duat Sale To End

Sale of advance 10-admission tickets to American Legion Junior baseball games this season is scheduled to end on next Friday.

The tickets were placed on sale several weeks ago and are priced at five dollars for adults and two dollars for children, a saving of one dollar on each 10-admission over the regular 60 and 30 cents admission prices.

The 10-admission ticket could be used up at five games, an official pointed out, if a man brought his wife each time.

Tickets are on sale at many business firms and by many Legionnaires. They will be on sale at the gate on Friday (Gaffney game) and Monday (Cowpens game) nights.

State elimination play is to begin on June 4.

Board Agrees To New Mayor's Suggestions

Mayor Garland E. Still made seven recommendations concerning city employees at the first meeting of the completed 1951-53 administration Thursday morning and obtained unanimous board approval on six of them.

The board of commissioners voted:

- 1) To dismiss Chief of Police N. M. Farr "as of now," with pay to June 10, 1951, and to name S. R. (Pop) Davidson, member of the force, acting police chief. L. E. Davis made the motion and B. T. Wright seconded.
- 2) To dismiss Recorder Judge W. Faison Barnes and Solicitor Jack White "as of now," with pay to June 10, 1951, and in turn to accept the Mayor's request that he be allowed to handle the duties.

At a called meeting Thursday night, the city board of commissioners ordered the appointment of Mayor Garland Still as city judge, striken from the record, after receipt of legal opinion that such an appointment would constitute double-holding, which is illegal under the laws of North Carolina. The board amended its motion to make Mr. Still a full-time judge with a salary of \$2,500 per annum, maximum payable under the city charter.

The board also amended its motion of Thursday morning concerning employment of city personnel to provide that employment of police department personnel would be completely in the hands of the mayor and board of commissioners.

Members of both these positions, in addition to that of mayor, at an annual salary of \$3,600 per year. Mr. Layton made the motion, and Mr. Wright seconded.

- 3) To retain City Administrator M. K. Fuller on the same basis. Mr. Wright made the motion, and Mr. Layton seconded.
- 4) To retain Sam R. Suber as city cemetery superintendent. Mr. Wright made the motion and Mr. Layton seconded.
- 5) To elect James (Red) Layton, Ward 1 commissioner, mayor pro tempore. Mr. Davis made the motion, and Mr. Pearson seconded.
- 6) The board, without a vote, agreed to the Mayor's recommendation that action on other city employees be held in abeyance. The board had already voted to retain all employees to June 10, 1951.

Left hanging in the balance are decisions on the following city department heads, customarily appointed by the city board in conjunction with the advice of the mayor: S. A. Crouse, city clerk and treasurer; Mrs. Ray Kirby, assistant city clerk and treasurer; J. R. Davis, city attorney; L. C. Parsons, superintendent of public works; and Grady W. King, fire chief.

The one mayoral recommendation (Continued On Page Eight)

Firm Seeking Radio Permit

Kings Mountain Broadcasting Company has filed application with the Federal Communications Commission for a permit to establish a radio station in Kings Mountain.

The company asks authority to operate a new station on 1220 kilocycles, 500 watts, in daytime only.

According to the application filed with FCC, the members of the company are Marshal T. Pack manager of WFVG Fuquay Springs, Auburn C. Hayes, advertising manager of WFVG Fuquay Springs, and Vernon T. Fox, of WEAB Greer, S. C.

The applicants list their estimated annual gross revenue at \$36,000, their estimated operating cost at \$24,000, and their estimate of cost to set up the station and get into operation at \$14,275.

Poppies On Sale Here Saturday

Memorial poppies to be worn in honor of America's war dead will be offered to everyone in Kings Mountain on Poppy Day, Saturday.

The poppies, made of red crepe paper by disabled veterans of both World Wars, will be distributed on the streets throughout the day by volunteer school girls working under the direction of Mrs. Charles Moss, Jr., poppy chairman. Contributions for the American Legion and Auxiliary rehabilitation and child welfare funds will be received by the workers.

Persons buying the poppies are asked to observe the 10-cent minimum.

The poppies will be sold for a minimum of 10 cents each, but larger contributions are being requested. With the exception of the purchase of the poppies at \$30 per 1,000, all funds from the sale remain here for use by the Legion Auxiliary in local rehabilitation work.

Central Methodists To Observe Children's Home Day On Sunday

At morning worship service at Central Methodist church Sunday the 12 children sponsored by the church at Children's Home will be introduced to the congregation.

Supt. O. V. Woomer will represent the group and will also explain details about the operation of Children's Home.

The children are:

- James Bright, sponsored by The Young Adult Class.
- Jean Cox, sponsored by Men's Bible Class.
- Louise Williams, sponsored by MYF.
- Dennis Wicker, sponsored by Daughters of Wesley Class.
- Celia Vaughn, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daugherty.
- Joan Vaughn, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Breadall.
- Jan Vaughn, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Peels.

Members of the four sponsoring groups are requested to sit in body and present their sponsored child. Couples sponsoring a child will have the same privilege.

The entire congregation will meet at Lake Montonia at 1:30 for picnic dinner and further fellowship with the children. The Men's Bible Class will furnish cold drinks for the occasion. Each family is being urged to bring a full basket.

AT FT. CAMPBELL
Pvt. Robert H. Rhinehardt, RA 14579527, is now serving with "A" Battery, 675 ASN Field Artillery Battalion, at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Board Asked To Investigate Possibility

In an inaugural address shortly after taking the oath of office Thursday morning, Mayor Garland E. Still recommended immediate investigation by the city board of possibilities of selling the city's power distribution system to a private utility, of contracting the city garbage collection service to a private firm or individual, and suggested that one way to expand the community is by extending its boundary lines.

Mr. Still departed from his prepared text to recommend an audit of the city's books by Ernst & Ernst, certified public accountants, to cover the period from July 1, 1950, to May 24, 1951. Commissioner B. T. Wright made a motion to order the audit, Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

It was the first formal inaugural speech by a Mayor in the memory of many citizens, and it was made to a large audience which virtually filled the courtroom.

Retiring Mayor J. E. Herndon administered the oaths of office to Mayor Still and to Ward 2 Commissioner Davis, elected Tuesday in the run-off election.

Mayor Still called the meeting of his board to order and invited Rev. P. D. Patrick, president of the Ministerial association, to pray. Mr. Patrick asked the Lord's blessings on the mayor and the board and the Lord's guidance to both officials and citizens in the days ahead.

The text of Mayor Still's formal address follows:

J. C. Richardson Rites Conducted

Funeral services for John C. Richardson, 60, resident of route two, Kings Mountain, for 19 years, were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Rev. H. G. Fisher, of Spindale, a former pastor of the church of which he was a member, officiated, assisted by Rev. P. D. Patrick. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Richardson died of a heart attack Monday morning in a Charlotte hospital. He had been in ill health for two months and had gone to the hospital for examination.

He was a native of Gaston county, son of the late Kendrick and Margaret George Richardson. He was overseer of the card room at Park-Yarn Mill and was a member of the W. O. W. and Knights of Pythias.

He was married in 1923 to the former Miss Ethel Stroup. Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Hildreth Richardson Sherr; four brothers, Frank and Grady Richardson, of Gastonia, and Crown and Arthur Richardson, of Bessemer City; three sisters, Mrs. Walter Curtis, of Gastonia, Mrs. Carl Green, of Salisbury, and Mrs. Elmer Sheppard, of Shelby; and one granddaughter, Linza Louise Sherr.

China Missionary Will Speak Here

Miss Ruth Farrior, former missionary to China, will speak to the young people of the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 6:30.

Miss Farrior has just returned from China and is well informed on the Communist threat to Christianity in that country. She will answer any questions that the young people may have.

All young people of Kings Mountain are invited to meet with the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship for this session. Miss Farrior will also speak to the congregation at the evening service.

Clapp Urges Farmers' Attention To Cotton Crop; Insects Are Busy

Howard Clapp, county agent, was in the Kings Mountain area this week promoting two special events and urging cotton farmers to give attention to dusting their fields.

On Thursday, the county agent's office conducted a pasture and forage crop tour, showing off the better pastures of the county. Among Kings Mountain area farms visited were those of Ted Ledford and Clyde Randall.

On Friday, the county agent's office will conduct a small grain field day at the farm of Lloyd B. Wilson, north of Palestine. The program will begin at 10 a. m.

Mr. Clapp seconded and urged attention to recommendations on combating the cotton insect



WIN RUN-OFF ELECTIONS—Garland E. Still, left, was elected mayor and Lloyd E. Davis, right, was elected Ward 2 commissioner in run-off elections held Tuesday. Mr. Still defeated George W. Allen by 366 votes, while Mr. Davis edged C. C. (Shorty) Edns by seven votes.

City Fire Department Has 20th Birthday

In spite of Tuesday's election being one of the hottest in the city's history, no fires broke out. Thus the city fire department observed its 20th birthday quietly.

The city fire department was organized on May 22, 1931, with Grady W. King, as chief, and the late Jenks Clary, as assistant chief.

The department didn't have to wait long to answer its first alarm, which occurred at 2 a. m. the morning of May 23.

Original members still with the department and on duty ever since its organizations are Palmer D. Fulton, driver; Charles G. Dilling and J. P. Jignor.

Other members of the original department were: Tom Fulton, J. D. Hord, M. L. Wilson, Otis C. Falls, H. E. Grant, captain, M. C. Wingate, lieutenant, C. H. Hambricht, P. F. Dilling, the late Carl W. Davidson, killed in line of duty, R. L. Lovell, and L. L. Guyton. J. W. Clary, Jr., was the mascot.

Picture of the original group shows the members draped over the then-new LaFrance fire truck, now 20 years old but still very much in service.

Lions Honored Ladies Tuesday

Dr. W. L. Halberstadt told 200 Lions, their wives and guests Tuesday night that the world is in a mess because people have only one of two requirements necessary for happiness and peace.

The two requirements are, he said, intelligence and righteousness, and the world has too much of the former and very little of the latter.

Drawing extensively from his travels throughout the world and from a large knowledge of history, Dr. Halberstadt cited the rise and fall of the empires of the past and of their leaders. The fall of Rome, of Venice, of Napoleon's France, of Hitler's Germany and of many others, he said, was due to lack of righteousness. Today many of the former powerful cities, he added, are nothing more than tourist spots.

An enjoyable musical program was rendered by Mrs. Nettie Rayle Gidney, wife of Lion R. M. Gidney, of Shelby. Among the clear soprano solos sung by Mrs. Gidney were "My Song of Paradise," "My Hero," "The Lord's Prayer" and "May the Lord Bless and Keep Thee."

The meeting opened with group singing of "God Bless America." Lee Roberts led the salute to the flag, and, following dinner, Rev. J. H. Breadall welcomed the guests. Sam Stallings superintended the presentation of favors and the prize drawing for the ladies. Dr. Halberstadt was presented by W. L. Plonk, program chairman. President Otto Williams was toastmaster.

Bank Association To Honor Mauney

R. L. Mauney, vice-president of the First National Bank, will be especially honored Saturday by the North Carolina Bankers association, as a member of the 50-year club.

He is a veteran of almost 51 years in the banking business in the state. He will be accompanied to Pinehurst, where the bankers are in annual convention, by his daughter, Mrs. G. E. Still, and grandson, Jack Still.

Also attending the convention from Kings Mountain is B. S. Neill, the bank's executive vice-president.

Board Denies Edens Request For Recount

Garland E. Still was officially elected mayor and Lloyd E. Davis was officially elected Ward 2 commissioner at 4:05 Wednesday afternoon.

At this hour, the city board of commissioners moved acceptance of the aggregate report of the precinct officials which gave the following tally on Tuesday's first-in-history run-off election:

For mayor — Still, 1,096; George W. Allen, 730.

For Ward 2 commissioner — Davis, 920; C. C. (Shorty) Edens, 913.

The board action, passed unanimously after motion by Orlan Pearson, seconded by James Layton, had the effect of denying the request of Mr. Edens for a recount in the close race which he lost to Mr. Davis by the slim margin of seven votes.

The board had discussed for an hour the Edens' request, had discussed it with both Messrs. Davis and Edens, and had considered many possible political results of a decision to recount the votes.

In fact, Baxter T. Wright had made a motion to order a recount and C. P. Barry had seconded. The long discussion followed, led by Mr. Layton who contended the 1949-51 administration should settle the question. During the discussion, Mr. Pearson remarked that he agreed with Mr. Layton, and Carl F. Mauney, acting mayor pro tempore, did not call a vote, pointing out to the board that it was split down the middle and that it would be better to come to some agreement.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Davis said that he was at first quite satisfied to have a recount, but that some of his friends had pointed out the fact that he did not know whether the voting boxes had been tampered with since Tuesday night.

City Clerk S. A. Crouse said the boxes had been locked up in the office adjoining the city administrator's office. The board members agreed, however, that there could be no absolute proof that the boxes had not been tampered with.

After this development, Mr. Wright withdrew his motion and the board ordered the election results certified.

Thus ended Kings Mountain's most bizarre city political campaign. It had included the first run-off election in city history, had attracted a near-record vote, and had also set a record for heated campaigning.

In Tuesday's run-off, 1,850 persons returned to the polls to help settle the business it had started May 8. The total was only 37 votes short of the new record of 1,887 set two weeks previously.

The victory of Mr. Davis was perhaps the biggest news of the day. He had been 283 votes behind after the first election and his opponent, Mr. Edens, only failed of a majority in the first race by only 20 votes.

In the close Ward 2 race, Mr. Edens was first announced unofficially as the winner, in an error for which the Herald is fully responsible. Two figuring errors totaling 120 votes, all in Mr. Edens' favor, indicated his total was 1,013 against 900 for Mr. Davis. (Continued On Page Eight)

OFFICIAL RETURNS

City Election Run-Off of May 22, 1951

For Mayor	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Garland E. Still	175	203	202	273	243	1096
George W. Allen	79	174	87	134	256	730
For Ward 2 Commissioner						
C. C. (Shorty) Edens	165	207	80	129	332	913
L. E. Davis	98	173	207	283	169	920
Total Vote by Wards	258	381	292	413	506	1850