

Population

City Limits 7,206
The population is from the U. S. Government census report for 1950. The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population gain since 1950 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7,608. The trading area population in 1946, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

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Local News Bulletins

DIXON REVIVAL
Revival services are continuing through Sunday night at Dixon Presbyterian church with Rev. C. R. Bixler of Gastonia conducting the services at 8 p. m. each evening. Bible school, which begins at 7 p. m. will continue through Friday night.

COUNTRY CLUB CLOSED
Kings Mountain Country club will be closed the week of August 1, according to announcement by the club managers, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Byrd, who will spend a week's vacation at Myrtle Beach, S. C. Regular club night will be observed August 7.

SUBSTITUTING
Mrs. John H. Lewis, former secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, is substituting in her former position this week for Mrs. Dan Queen, who is on vacation.

LOT IS SOLD
Dr. John C. McGill has purchased the lot on West Gold street, between the homes of Mrs. W. L. Fortune and Lee Dixon, from David Saunders. The transaction for the lot, fronting 149.5 feet on Gold street and 194.5 feet deep, was completed on July 15.

ATTEND MEETING
Mrs. W. D. Baker and Miss Helen Logan were among the 374 teachers and administrators attending the joint leadership conference of the National Education and the National Education Association at Blue Ridge last week.

HOSPITAL OFFICERS
The 15-member board of hospital trustees elected Jim Rucker, of Shelby, chairman for 1954-55, and re-elected Franklin Harry, of Grover, vice-chairman, at the annual organization meeting at Brackett's Cedar Park on Wednesday, July 21. Mr. Rucker succeeds Parris Yelton, also of Shelby.

JAYCEES
Regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce scheduled Tuesday night has been cancelled. Jaycees are to attend a district meeting at Spindale Thursday night, meeting at Griffin Drug Co., at 5:45 p. m.

KIWANIS PICNIC
Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will go to Oakdale Presbyterian church near McGill's Store on the Blacksburg-Clover Road for a family night outing on Thursday evening. Dinner will be served by women of the church at 7 o'clock.

HICKORY RALLY
Jack White, chairman of No. 4 Township Young Democrats, this week reminded all area Democrats who wish to attend the party rally at Hickory Saturday evening to contact him for ticket and transportation reservations. Senator Sam Erwin will make the principal address.

PERMITS APPROVED
Building permits were approved during the week by Building Inspector J. W. Webster to Haywood E. Lynch, who applied for a permit to erect a one-story residence on North Sims street at an estimated cost of \$2,000, and to C. L. Arington, who applied for a permit to alter a residence on Jackson street at an estimated cost of \$7,000.

ORMAND REUNION
Annual Ormand Family reunion will be held Saturday, beginning at 10 a. m. at the "old furnace" picnic area on the R. D. Ormand property on route one, located on Ling Creek about halfway between Kings Mountain and Bessemer City. Picnic lunch will be served at noon and friends of the family are being invited to attend.

Retailers Offer Sale Bargains During Weekend

Kings Mountain merchants are collaborating this weekend in a city-wide Midsummer Sale, beginning Thursday and continuing through Saturday.
Paul Walker, chairman of the Kings Mountain Merchants association's trade promotion committee, said 13 retail firms are participating in the event, in addition to an institutional sponsor. Mr. Walker said the sale, which has been planned for the past two months, will find the stores featuring two particular classes of goods: 1) special purchases, in which the merchants have found bargains in new merchandise to offer at unusually low prices, and 2) seasonal and odd-lot merchandise which the merchants are featuring at "ridiculous" prices.

Sterchi's, furniture dealer, is among the participating firms and is offering two giveaway simulants. On Friday, Sterchi's will give its first 25 visitors an eight-piece hospital set, and on Saturday at 6 p. m. will conduct a drawing for a window fan valued at \$39.95. Terms of the drawing merely require a person to visit the store and to register for the drawing.
Mr. Walker said he was impressed with the quantity and quality of values being offered and predicted a profitable weekend for Kings Mountain area customers, all of whom have been informed by mail of the city-wide sales event. In addition, many of the participants are using customary advertising media to feature their Mid-Summer sale offerings on an individual basis.

Participating firms include Bell's Department Store, Myers Department Store, Keeter's Department Store, Sterchi's City Auto & Home Supply, Bridges Hardware, Gus Entias Shoe Store, Reba's Fashions, McGinnis Furniture Company, Eagle's Variety Store, and Dixie-Home Stores. The Kings Mountain Herald is an institutional sponsor.

Union Service At ARP Sunday

Sunday night's union service for five city church congregations will be held at Boyce Memorial ARP church, with Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, to deliver the message at 8 p. m.

Schedule of final services in the summer series were also announced.
Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist church, will preach on August 8 at Resurrection Lutheran church, and Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will be the speaker on August 15 at First Presbyterian church.

On August 22, Dr. Gerberding will speak at Central Methodist church, and the final union service for the summer will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran church with Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, to deliver the message.

LIANS DIRECTORS
Directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club will hold their regular monthly supper meeting Thursday evening at seven o'clock at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Revised "Sword of Gideon" Drama Improved In Many Ways Over 1953

By ELIZABETH STEWART
"The Sword of Gideon" showed on its delayed first night of the 1954 season Friday, with first-nighters viewing a much-revised drama, with new lines, narration, and stage effects.

It is the third season for "The Sword of Gideon" and fourth consecutive annual presentation of a battle drama by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., aided by citizens of surrounding cities.
Thursday night's show was cancelled when a power failure blacked out the whole surrounding area of York county.
Friday first-nighters were treated to an interesting drama, with stage handling, lighting, sound, and costume effects, and more realism effect, all into the whole play. A narrator, who introduces himself as "King" and who narrates each scene in the story in the voice of an old man, is another improve-

Church-Going Vet Said Mentally Ill

VA Hospital Has No Bed Space For Otis Perry

Otis Perry, 27, a Negro navy veteran and former fleet boxer, was booked on a charge of temporary insanity by Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., on Monday, but was released to the custody of his parents Wednesday morning.

Chalmers Miller, county veterans officer, said he had been unsuccessful in obtaining admission for the veteran at the Veterans Hospital at Salisbury.

Perry was booked, Chief Logan said, after stopping cars at the Highway 74 bridge over the Southern Railway, including the chief's and after Dr. Paul E. Hendricks had examined the veteran and given the "mentally sick" diagnosis.

Chief Logan said Perry was stopping traffic and showing the drivers a paraphrased text of the Bible.

Perry is the Negro who has attended church services in Central Methodist and First Baptist churches on three consecutive Sunday nights. He was at union services on July 11 and 25 at Central Methodist church and at a communion service at First Baptist church on the night of July 18.

Rev. Phil Shore, pastor of Central Methodist church, said he had endeavored to talk with the man after the recent Sunday night service, but that the man was uncommunicative.

Rev. Gordon Weekley, pastor of First Baptist church, said that the usher had seated Perry at the back of the church on the night Perry was at First Baptist church, that the usher, F. A. (Happy) McDaniel, Sr., had offered to serve him communion, but that Perry did not partake.

Chief Logan said Perry wore a rosary which he fingered frequently.
Veterans Officer Miller said Perry's service record shows he enlisted in the navy on October 13, 1945 from Kings Mountain and was discharged four years later on October 1949 at Quonset Point, R. I.

Miller said he was told by Veterans Administration hospital officials that the hospital was overcrowded and was not accepting any patients with non-service-connected disabilities.

Chief Logan said he understood Perry is married to a white German girl, now living in New Jersey, and that they have a child with another expected.
He further added that Perry's mother, Mrs. Ella Perry, who lives at 106 N. Waterson street, said the family "has to watch its money, or the boy will give it all to the church."

ARP MEN'S SUPPER
John Kimmons, of Statesville, will address the Men's Fellowship organization of Boyce Memorial ARP church at the regular supper meeting Monday evening at 7 o'clock.



HERE SUNDAY — Rev. B. F. Ormand, Kings Mountain native and pastor, will deliver the sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.

Ormand To Fill Pulpit Sunday

Rev. B. F. Ormand, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Marion, S. C., will preach at First Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Ormand is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

Rev. Mr. Ormand is a Kings Mountain native.
"We are delighted that he is to be with us and we hope the friends and public will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear him," Rev. P. D. Patrick, the pastor said.

Mrs. Bumgardner Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Hatie Jenkins Bumgardner, 62, of route 1, were conducted from Oak View Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rites were conducted by Rev. C. E. Oxford, assisted by Rev. E. O. Gore. Interment was in the Oak View Baptist church cemetery.

Mrs. Bumgardner, daughter of the late Joseph and Sarah Catherine Dixon Jenkins, and widow of Thomas Edward Bumgardner, died at her home Sunday morning at 10:45 following a cerebral-hemorrhage. She was a native of York county and a member of the Oak View Baptist church.

She is survived by eight sons, Edward, Ray, Clyde, John, George, W. F., and Ralph Bumgardner, all of Kings Mountain; and J. O. Bumgardner, of Shelby; one daughter, Mrs. E. S. Hardin, of Shelby; two step-sons, Hazel and Austin Bumgardner, of Kings Mountain; 33 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers, were Lester Harmon, Emmett Ross, T. C. McKee, Alex Owens, Paul Owens, and Boyce Gault.

Police Will War On Loud "Cut-Outs"

The Kings Mountain police department, according to Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., will begin on Monday enforcing North Carolina General Statute No. 20-128 which reads as follows:
"Prevention of noise, smoke, etc., muffler cut-outs regulated—
(a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a highway unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise, annoying smoke or fumes.
(b) It shall be unlawful to use a 'muffler cut-out' on any motor vehicle upon a highway."

Chief Logan asked the co-operation of all motorists in maintaining this law, and those who will not co-operate, he said, will be given citations.
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City Seeks Two Gas Men; Mauney Holds To Price

The City Board of Commissioners, in special session at City Hall Tuesday night, agreed to seek applications for two positions with the city natural gas department and discussed tentative rate and service charges for the new department.

The board also conducted numerous items of routine business and was told by Paul Mauney, who arrived near the end of the gas discussion, that he "had no reason to change his mind" on his asking price of \$20,000 for 2.56 acres the city seeks for enlargement of the McGill septic tank.

The city has filed condemnation action in Gaston County Superior Court but no summons has been served on Mr. Mauney, whose wife is now visiting in Great Britain.

In the natural gas discussion, W. D. Edwards, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., an engineer with Bernard and Burk, the city's consulting engineers on the gas matter, told the board that, before construction of the distribution system begins, the board should: 1) determine installation costs of putting gas into homes and industries; 2) set prices to be charged for natural gas; 3) determine restrictions on installation; and 4) conduct an intensified campaign to solicit gas customers before and during construction of the distribution system.

Mr. Edwards reported that the city could expect delivery of its revenue bond money from R. S. Dickson Co. between September 15 and October 1.

Bids for construction of the distribution system are to be opened on August 6 and Mayor G. A. Bridges reported that 26 firms are bidding on the work, which is to begin as soon as the money is available. The city has contracted for delivery of natural gas by January 15.

The board is to meet on Friday at 7 p. m. to continue discussion on the gas matter and to consider applicants for the two jobs.

For its natural gas salesman, the board seeks a young, energetic man to contact prospective customers and to sell non-refundable gas service tap contracts, which the board now thinks it will offer for \$10 during construction of the system. For the \$10 fee, a customer can get a gas tap run to his home, provided the line does not exceed 75 feet on the owner's property, to a point about six feet from the nearest wall of the residence. The meter is to be installed at this point, he said, with additional footage to be installed at 50 cents per foot during the construction period if the customer desires it. Mr. Edwards recommended a \$75 tap fee after construction is completed, but told the board it should allow the \$10 fee for buildings constructed after completion of the distribution system. The \$10 fee does not cover full cost of the installation, he said, but offers an incentive to prospective customers.

A home owner who has not decided upon use of gas can have the tap installed during construction of the system for the \$10 fee and never use it. If, at a later date, he decides to use gas, the customer can receive the service upon deposit of a meter fee. The board discussed setting a meter deposit of \$5 for residential customers who do not propose to use gas for heating and a deposit of \$15 for heating customers. The meter installation deposit, like electric installation deposits, is to be refunded when the customer desires to discontinue the service or is to be applied on any unpaid gas bill.

Mr. Edwards, in answering a question on the cost of installation of gas appliances inside a residence (not a city gas department job), cited as an example a bill of \$84 submitted a customer for installation of a gas water heater, a gas range and an outlet for a fireplace log-type heater in a 5-room house.

In answer to a question by Mayor Bridges, the gas engineer reported that natural gas is safe, is non-toxic and that the odor is not objectionable.

Bottled gas customers may change over to natural gas very "easily," he said. Burners do not have to be changed and may be converted, but the size of pipe leading from the meter to the unit has to be changed in many instances, he reported.

The board wants an experienced gas man, capable of serving as a foreman, to be hired. Approximately 12 feet from

Thursday To Be Home Night For Sword of Gideon Show

Miss Universe Kin Of Pastor's Wife

Miss Miriam Stevenson, the comely South Carolina college student crowned Miss Universe and awarded a movie contract last week, is a first cousin of Mrs. Douglas Fritz, wife of the pastor of Resurrection church.

Mrs. Fritz, in Winnsboro, S. C., last week while the Miss USA preliminaries were being conducted, said the community, as well as Miss Stevenson's parents, was quite excited over the outcome of the contest then underway.

Miss Stevenson was a bridesmaid at the wedding of Rev. and Mrs. Fritz on June 8, 1952.

Mrs. Fritz did not know, she said, how seriously her cousin would consider motion picture work, since her dramatics experience has been limited to college dramas. Miss Stevenson told Lander College representatives who called in Hollywood that she would, of course, fulfill the \$200 per week contract she received as an award for the Miss Universe title.

The beauty winner's college major: home economics.

Welch Receives Year Sentence

Dewey Welch, charged with assault on his 12-year-old daughter with attempt to commit rape, was sentenced 12 months in the state penitentiary in Cleveland Superior Court Wednesday, after Judge George Patton had accepted the tender of the defense to enter a plea of guilty to a charge of assault on a female.

John Mahoney, Jr., of Shelby, was the attorney for Welch.

Welch had been held in lieu of \$1,000 bond after probable cause on the charge had been found in preliminary hearing in City Recorder's court on July 6.

George Houston, a 30-year old Kings Mountain Negro drew an eight months road sentence Tuesday in Superior court in Shelby after he was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Houston was bound over to Superior court May 31, by Judge Jack White after probable cause was found against him at a preliminary hearing in City Recorder's court.

He was also sentenced in City Recorder's court July 19, to serve four months on the roads on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

The sentences are to run consecutively.
Among Kings Mountain area citizens summoned for jury duty were Martin Baxter Green, of route 2, Nettie L. Reep Hope, William H. Morgan, J. W. Rayfield, of route 1, Richard J. Self, and R. A. Bookout, of Grover.

METER RECEIPTS

City parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$158.84, according to a report by Miss Grace Carpenter, of the city clerk's office.

Franklin Falls Drowning Victim; Rites Conducted Sunday Afternoon

Funeral service for William Franklin Falls, 16, of 100 Ridge street, Kings Mountain's first drowning victim of the year, was held at the Central Methodist church Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. Phil Shore conducted the service and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery.
The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Falls, drowned in approximately six feet of water Friday night around 7:40 p. m. while swimming in the privately owned lake of Belmont Satchfield, of route 2, Shelby.
According to Acting Coroner Neal Grissom, Libby Carter, 14, Donna Stechfield, 16, Johnny Satchfield, 9, all of Shelby, and Clyde Strickland, 17, of Kings Mountain, and the Falls youth were swimming from east to west across the lake, with the two Kings Mountain youths first swimming on top of the water and then under shore, the Falls youth disappeared under the water, Coroner Grissom reported the group told him, leaving the impression that he was swimming under water. After a period of approximately two minutes, when the Falls boy did not reappear, Strickland brought the body to the surface on his second attempt, the coroner reported.
Artificial respiration was administered by members of the group but they were untrained in first aid, Mr. Grissom said, and Falls did not respond to their efforts.
In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Donald Falls, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Arnold McCall, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Basil Welch, of Gaffney, S. C.
Active pallbearers were Delbert Dixon, Dale Dixon, Sam Howell, George Blalock, Floyd Falls, and Otis Falls, Jr.
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Area Officials, Leaders Invited For Home Event

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will observe "Home Night" Thursday as it presents "The Sword of Gideon" for the second of four weekend showings.

Mrs. P. G. Padgett, in doubling harness as actress and as publicist, said Thursday night is being promoted as a special evening for Kings Mountain viewers, with heads of civic organizations, appointive and elective officials of the city, schools, county, and others, being invited as guests.

Crowds on the two performances last weekend were rated at half-capacity, and the Little Theatre is anticipating improved attendance this weekend for all showings, Mrs. Padgett said.

She said reports from persons who saw the historical battle drama at Kings Mountain National Park amphitheatre were generally favorable, with considerable praise for the improved sets, quick-changing scenery, edited script, sound effects, and other changes from last season's show. Curtain time each evening is 8:15.

Tickets are available daily at the E. King street office of the Little Theatre and, immediately prior to the performances, at the amphitheatre box office.

"Among guests at last week's opening—delayed until Friday night due to a power failure in the area—were Dr. Sam Seiden, head of the dramatics department of the University of North Carolina, Miriam Rabb, of the state travel bureau and former publicist for "Horn in the West," and Phillip Whitley, son-in-law of Mrs. Eugenia Ballard, of Kings Mountain, a state representative from Wake county. Mr. Whitley teamed with Rep. B. T. Falls, of Cleveland, in the 1953 General Assembly, to obtain a state appropriation for the Kings Mountain battle drama.

Mrs. Padgett said it had not been determined whether a performance will be added as a make-up for the missed showing last Thursday night, indicating decision will be left to the cast and will depend on boxoffice prior to the scheduled closing date of August 14.

Nine scheduled performances remain.

William McGill Reunion Set

The William McGill Clan will hold its annual reunion at Bethany ARP church near Clover, S. C., on Thursday, August 5, it was announced yesterday by Dr. John C. McGill, of Kings Mountain, member of the clan.
Principal address will be delivered by Judge Joseph R. Moss, of York, S. C., at 10:45, with picnic dinner on the grounds.

He noted that Lions International reported its clubs conducted 161,461 service projects during the past year.

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Members were reminded that the August 10 meeting will be an outdoor ladies night affair at Lazy Lakes.

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The meters will be covered with paper bags, and motorists will be able to park during the weekend as long as they wish.

Saturday Deadlines Noted By Officials

City officials are reminding Kings Mountain citizens of two Saturday deadlines which they should observe if they wish to save money.

Joe Hendrick, clerk, pointed out that Saturday is the final day to purchase city privilege licenses without penalty, which applies at the rate of five percent per month after close of business Saturday at noon.

C. E. Carpenter, tax supervisor, reminded that Saturday is the final day for obtaining the one and one-half percent discount on 1954 city taxes, the discount rate dropping to one percent effective August 1. Privilege licenses collections increased to \$3,617.87 during the week, but Mr. Hendrick said many licenses remain unpurchased.

Meantime, County Tax Collector Robert Gidney is preparing to accept prepaid 1954 county taxes at a discount of two percent. Under a special act of the General Assembly the county allows two percent discount on payments through August.

Farthing Heard By Lions Club

"Between those who succeed and fail, the difference is spiritual," James G. Farthing, 16th judicial district solicitor and governor of Lions District 31-B, told members of the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

Mr. Farthing said that spirit is the most important requisite of the Lions organization in doing its work of service.

He also declared, in pointing out the need for work of civic groups in combating juvenile delinquency, "If we are to have peace tomorrow it will be solved by tomorrow's citizens, and not by international agreements."

The district governor, making his first official visit in his 52nd club district, spoke on a program arranged by George Thomason, who presented the speaker.

Merely touching on the facts of Lionism, which now numbers he said, 11,000 clubs and more than 500 in North Carolina, Mr. Farthing suggested that no club can meet its obligations without paramounting service, which requires planning, working, and serving all of the community.

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