

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 1930 at 47 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7608.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Mayor Bridges Asks Water Conservation

Streams Feeding City Reservoir Are Almost Dry

Kings Mountain citizens again are being asked to conserve water.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges issued the appeal Wednesday, reporting the city reservoir on York Road again reaching dangerously low levels, which, if not alleviated by rains, could mean a severe shortage within the next 30 days and forced restrictions on water consumption.

The Mayor reported these developments:

1) Big customer Foote Mineral Company suspended voluntarily its major water consumption from the city Tuesday. 2) The Gold Mine Shaft, which has been supplying 400 gallons of water per minute to the city reservoir most of the summer, went out of action at a depth of 195 feet Monday and cannot be restored until pipe is received to further lower the pump into the shaft.

3) The two streams serving the city reservoir are drying, with one furnishing only about 75 gallons of water per minute and the other virtually "dried up."

4) The supply from the Davidson Creek dam, now under construction as an auxiliary reservoir, won't be available for another three weeks at the minimum, pending building of a power line for which the city has advertised for bids.

5) The city is obtaining about 100,000 gallons of water daily from the Cherryville Road artesian wells, another source in use for the major part of the summer.

Mayor Bridges said he didn't want to appear "alarmist," but added that continued dry weather could make the water situation critical.

Kings Mountain citizens were asked to conserve water last year in the autumn, due to the 1953 drought. At that time, the Gold Mine shaft and the artesian wells were put into service, and water was pumped from the small lake at the Davidson Scout Camp.

YDC Rally Friday Night

Number 4 Township Young Democrats will meet Friday night at City Hall at 7 o'clock, in a preparatory meeting for the state convention in Charlotte beginning September 16.

Jack White, township YDC chairman, said a large delegation of Young Democrats from Shelby and other parts of the county have been invited to attend, and he also invited all Democrats to attend the session.

Democrats of the area are getting ready for the general election campaign and are training their guns on the ninth and tenth Congressional districts. Their aim is to unseat Rep. Charles Raper Jonas, of Lincoln, and to retain in Congress Rep. Hugh Alexander, of Kannapolis. The 11th district Democratic rally is scheduled for Gastonia on October 6. Rep. Woodrow W. Jones, (D) is opposed by R. R. Ramsey (R) of Walnut Cove. Ramsey temporarily withdrew from the race but tossed his hat in again last weekend.

Christmas Opening Date Is Changed

Kings Mountain's Christmas-opening parade will be held on December 8, rather than December 1, as originally scheduled.

The Merchants association board of directors postponed the date at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon, on information that a float entry would not be available on the date originally chosen.

Privilege License Check-up Starting

The chief of police has been furnished a list of known business firms delinquent in purchasing 1954-55 city privilege licenses. City Clerk Joe Hendrick said Wednesday.

The delinquents and all business firms are to be checked to determine whether they are displaying the proper licenses. He added, with non-complying firms to be padlocked.

Penalty of five percent per month has already reached a total of ten percent on basic fees. The penalty will aggregate 15 percent on October 1.

Blood Collection Record Is Set

Citizens Respond To Emergency With 345 Pints

Kings Mountain citizens answered the emergency call for blood Monday in record numbers, more than doubling the previous high record for a one-day collection as they gave 345 pints of blood for the regional blood bank.

Kings Mountain thus not only eliminated itself from the threatened suspension from the Red Cross area blood program, but heavily insured itself against the same emergency for the future.

It was the greatest-ever Kings Mountain outpouring of blood donors here, more than 500 persons offering their blood and the vast majority patiently waiting their turn to give. A total of 77 prospective donors were rejected for one cause or another — including those who had given blood too recently — and perhaps a half-hundred were turned away when the Red Cross bloodmobile staff closed the doors at 5 p. m. Previous high total for a one-day collection was 164 pints of blood.

First Baptist church was the Labor Day collection station and numerous volunteer citizens helped process the long lines of blood donors.

As an added incentive to give blood, the Corner Cafe offered free a \$1.50 T-bone steak to each donor, and personnel of the cafe, operated by John (the Greek) Demetriades, were hard-pressed all day to keep the steaks on the table.

Red Cross officials expressed themselves as highly pleased, and amazed, at the excellent response to the emergency appeal.

Grady Howard, recruitment chairman, Dr. P. G. Padgett, blood program chairman, and I. G. Patterson, chapter chairman, issued a joint statement of appreciation to all who offered their blood.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin, publicity chairman, remarked, "It shows again that when the need exists, Kings Mountain always responds."

Particular emphasis on the collection had been given from almost all church pulpits on Sunday, and the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club had accepted recruitment responsibility for the emergency collection.

The Red Cross regional blood committee had informed Kings Mountain chapter that suspension from the program impended due to failure of the community to obtain its minimum quota during the year ending last June 30 and due to very low supplies at the area bank in Charlotte.

Following is the list of those who donated blood Monday:

COURT OF HONOR
Regular Court of Honor for the Kings Mountain Boy Scout district will convene at City Hall courtroom at 7:45 Thursday evening. A Scouter Roundtable will follow the Court of Honor.

Bethware Community Fair Opens Wednesday For Four-Day Run

Next week will be fair time in the Bethware community for the seventh consecutive year, as the Bethware Community Fair opens for a four-day run on Wednesday.

Fair officials report much interest in the event from both exhibitors and farms, who will prize for a long list of prizes in several divisions.

Formal opening of the fair will be on Wednesday at 1 o'clock, with opening day designated as Children's Day. Special children's contests will be featured in the afternoon, with the first of four nightly fireworks displays to follow the 9:30 p. m. prize drawing.

Tom Hamrick, member of the publicity committee, noted that the Bethware school cafeteria will be open from 1 p. m. daily. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks will be available in the afternoon, and full-dress dinners, featuring homemade pies and

cakes, will be served beginning at 5 p. m. daily.

Williams riding devices will be the mid-way feature.

Judging of exhibits in all departments will be conducted Thursday, September 16. Numerous special events are scheduled for Friday, September 17, and also on Saturday, September 18, final day of the fair.

Prize drawings will be conducted nightly at 9:30, with the fireworks displays following.

In a statement this week, Myers Hambrick, fair manager, said, "We're just about ready for the Seventh Annual Bethware Community Fair and feel this year's fair will be our most successful ever. It's a Number 4 Township event and we hope all citizens of the township will be able to visit us next weekend."

No admission is charged to enter the fairgrounds.

Board Delays N. Piedmont Sidewalk Job

The board of city commissioners in a routine monthly meeting last Thursday voted to advertise for bids on installing sidewalk on the west side of North Piedmont avenue and for purchase of a pick-up truck for Sam Suber, cemetery superintendent.

The action on the N. Piedmont avenue sidewalk followed amendment of an action at a previous meeting when the board had voted to do the work called for paving 1,021 feet of sidewalk. On examination of the petition, it was determined that the petition sought sidewalk totaling 1,750 feet, from end of sidewalk on Piedmont near Lackey, to the intersection of Fairview street.

In a related action, the board approved payment to W. K. Dickson, engineer, of the customary six percent fee for engineering the sidewalk installation.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges also noted that the petition for sidewalk on the west side of Piedmont avenue was received and accepted prior to the petition for sidewalk on the east side. The latter petition was approved on

Sidewalk Delayed

At a special meeting Tuesday morning, the city board of commissioners voted to delay asking bids on installing sidewalk on the west side of N. Piedmont avenue. Mayor Glee Bridges told the board the State Highway & Public Works commission had informed the city it expects to widen portions of N. Piedmont and sidewalk built now would have to be torn up.

The widening is scheduled within the year, Mayor Bridges said he was informed.

The board also accepted street deeds from Sadie Cotton Mills for the so-called Sadie Mill Loop. City Clerk Joe Hendrick said the deeds are in "regular form," following refusal of the board at their meeting last Thursday night to accept the deeds which, in original form, would have required the city to keep the streets "in good shape."

September 29, 1953, Mayor Bridges said. He also noted that rock formations would probably increase the cost of sidewalk on the east side of Piedmont.

In other actions the board: 1) Authorized refund of \$670.91 to Sadie Cotton Mills, covering 1953 and 1954 property tax payments on 27 tenant houses, valued at \$22,820, reported as doubly listed by Tax Supervisor C. E. Carpenter.

2) Tabled proffer of street deeds for the Sadie Mill loop. Mayor Bridges said the mill company wanted to include a clause in the deeds requiring the city to maintain the streets "in good shape" and that D. C. Mauney concurrently had renewed his request for the city to open Mauney avenue to Falls street. The Mayor said the minutes of the board showed that the street-opening was to be done "when money is available." He suggested that the board adopt a resolution to accept the deeds for the Sadie Loop streets "in regular form," but the commissioners offered no motion.

3) Authorized free gas tap installations to all city churches, but specified the free grant did not apply to parsonages or other church property.

4) Voted to request that the General Assembly standardize its scale of privilege license fees relating to taxing of carriers by license. Mayor Bridges said that L. L. Benson had complained that only Railway Express Agency is charged a privilege license, whereas other competitive carriers are not taxed. City Attorney J. R. Davis said the state statute is an old one and suggested that the plea for either elimination or standardization of the license fee should be made to the North Carolina General Assembly.

5) Voted to write Southern Railway company a letter warning the railway company to comply with ordinance covering blocking of streets by trains.

6) Chartered the action at a previous meeting relating to parking ticket cancellations to make the chief of police solely responsible for such action with no limitations.

7) Told Ben Sessions, who requested paving of the intersection at Phenix and Chestnut streets, Continued On Page Eight

Terminal Personnel Is Changing Again

Management of Kings Mountain Bus Terminal was changing again Wednesday, with Mrs. Edith Carrigan, of Gastonia, taking over from Mrs. E. K. McSwain, who has served in the dual capacity of Western Union manager and bus ticket vendor for the past several weeks.

Clayton Love, Queen City Coach Company representative, described the new arrangement as temporary, but said it might possibly become permanent.

Schedule for the terminal had not been determined, though it was possible the terminal would be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Whether the terminal would be open on Sundays was not decided. Since Mrs. McSwain has been in Kings Mountain, the station has been open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily, and from 8 a. m. to noon Sundays.

Mrs. McSwain is resuming her former duties as Western Union operator in Belmont.

1952 "Jumper" Is Sentenced

A ride on a freight train in 1952 resulted in a six months road sentence for a Belmont man in city recorder's court Tuesday.

Elliott C. Helms, who was arrested in 1952 by Kings Mountain police and charged with public drunkenness and illegal possession of intoxicating beverages, made bond at the time of his arrest but failed to appear for his trial. Helms was arrested September 3 in Belmont on a capias issued in 1952. Helms' sentences are to run consecutively, five months on the illegal possession of intoxicating beverage charge and 30 days on the drunkenness charge.

"I was afraid saw a freight train, and took off," was the defendant's answer to Judge Jack White's question on his failure to appear in court in 1952. Helms also stated, "I'm glad it's all over."

On a charge of assault on a female, Lewis Mae, of 106 Morris street, received 90 days on the roads, suspended on condition that he be of good behavior for 90 days and pay costs of court.

Margaret Hill, prosecuting witness, and Lewis testified that both had been drinking when the "incident" occurred. Lewis stated that he resided at the Hill home.

Furman Hillard Boyles, pleading guilty to driving without operator's license drew a three months road sentence, suspended on payment of a \$25 fine and costs of court. Boyles was arrested August 3 by Officer Jack Stone.

A four months road sentence, suspended on payment of \$10 fine and costs of court, was doled out to Robert White. White pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving. Arresting Officer was L. P. Cornwell.

Baxter Short, pleading not guilty to a charge of non-compliance of a 1952 court conviction of non-support, was again ordered by Judge White to support his wife and child. The defendant is to pay his wife each week through the clerk of court an amount that is to be set each week by Judge White, the payments to be based on the defendant's wages.

Two defendants were found guilty of public drunkenness.

Three cases, those of David A. Golins, charged with abandonment and non-support, Stephen E. Rathbone, charged with issuing a worthless check, Joseph C. Bolick, charged with driving drunk, were continued.

Thieves Get \$80 From Java Machines

Two coffee machines in the spinning room of Burlington Mills Corporation were looted over the weekend.

Police stated the machines probably had been broken open with a screw driver. Approximately \$80 in nickels, dimes, quarters and fifty-cent pieces were missing, police reported.

How entry was gained into the plant was undetermined, but police theorize that the thieves were possibly hiding in the plant at closing time. Sgt. Martin Ware, Jr., and Officer W. G. Ellison investigated.

Pupil Enrollment Reaches 2,305 For Fifth Day

Kings Mountain area schools were settling down to more normal schedules this week, as city district school registrations for the fifth day were listed at 2,096 and Park Grace registrations reached 209.

The total of the seven units was 2,305, up 52 students over first-day enrollment last week.

In the city, Superintendent B. N. Barnes listed a 128-pupil gain over last year's fifth-day attendance, and also reported that a teacher shift at Central school, whereby a first grade is abandoned and a new sixth grade established, will virtually eliminate the several out-of-balance classes, some of which numbered 39 pupils. Mr. Barnes said the change, aided also by some student transfers to other schools, would mean that no class will have more than 35 pupils, with this number the exception. In the Central change, Mrs. Thesis Warlick, who opened the year as one of four first grade teachers, will assume Miss Ruth Biggers' third grade, with Miss Biggers teaching the newly created sixth grade. It will be Central's fourth sixth grade.

It is possible, Mr. Barnes added, that the board of school trustees will seek additional teacher allotments from the state department of education, on the basis of the heavily increased enrollment over last year.

Meantime, Mrs. J. C. Nickels, Park Grace school principal, said pupil distribution per teacher is "good." Fifth day Park Grace enrollment was up eight over opening day's 201.

Mr. Barnes said it is anticipated the new construction at East school will be ready for occupancy by the end of September and that the new Negro elementary school will be ready for occupancy "very soon."

Supt. Barnes expressed appreciation to parents who have co-operated in sending their children to less-crowded schools. "We recognize the difficulties these changes sometimes entail for parents, and we are deeply appreciative of the marked degree of cooperation accorded," he stated.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Allen

Funeral services for Mrs. Jake Allen, 67, of Earl, mother of Mrs. Miles Myers, Mrs. James Ware, and Deway Allen of Kings Mountain, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Dover Baptist church. Rites were conducted by the Rev. E. M. Smith and the Rev. W. T. Furr, with interment in Pleasant Hill church cemetery near Earl.

Mrs. Allen, the daughter of the late George W. and Elizabeth Camp Wright, died Sunday night at Shelby hospital after an illness of four weeks.

She is survived by her husband, Jake Allen, a son, Dewey Allen, of Kings Mountain, three daughters, Mrs. Paul Clark, of Earl, Mrs. Miles Myers and Mrs. James Ware, both of Kings Mountain; a brother, Charlie Wright, of Earl; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Procedure In Motion For Possible NLRB Election On Union At Foote

The United Steelworkers of America, CIO, has filed a formal petition with the National Labor Relations Board for recognition as bargaining agent at Foote Mineral Company here, and J. E. Castle, Foote manager, said Wednesday he is preparing a list of employees eligible for collective bargaining to furnish the NLRB.

If the union has signed as members 30 percent of the eligible list, the result will be an NLRB-conducted election to determine whether eligible employees want to unionize or whether they don't.

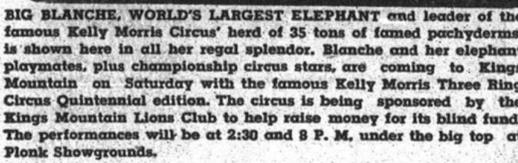
If the Steelworkers are short of the 30 percent, the petition will have been in vain and no election will be called. Mr. Castle said federal laws stipulate.

Alex Bowls, the Steelworkers organizer, brought a press release to the Herald last Thursday stating that recognition for the union had been requested of Foote, the press notice stating Foote had been informed by Bowls "a majority of employees eligi-

ble for collective bargaining in the plant at Kings Mountain, N. C., have designated the United Steelworkers of America as collective bargaining representative on all matters concerning wages, hours and working conditions."

Mr. Castle called the claim "a bluff" and, in a letter to all company employees, referred to the Steelworker claim and said, "I have not answered this letter from the CIO, nor do I intend to answer this letter. I do not consider that the CIO represents anybody or anything connected with the Foote Mineral Company."

Mr. Bowls, working out of the Charlotte CIO office at 121 E. Third street, said he was a native of Scotland, who had been in the United States 23 years and had worked for the Steelworkers for 15 years. In appearance, he resembled the late Philip Murray, also a native Scot and long-time head of both the Steelworkers and CIO.



BIG BLANCHE, WORLD'S LARGEST ELEPHANT and leader of the famous Kelly Morris Circus' herd of 35 tons of famed pachyderms, is shown here in all her regal splendor. Blanche and her elephant playmates, plus championship circus stars, are coming to Kings Mountain on Saturday with the famous Kelly Morris Three Ring Circus Quintennial edition. The circus is being sponsored by the Kings Mountain Lions Club to help raise money for its blind fund. The performances will be at 2:30 and 8 P. M., under the big top at Plunk Showgrounds.

Circus To Show Here On Saturday

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS
Net receipts from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon were \$141.81, as reported by Miss Grace Carpenter, of the city clerk's office.

ON COMMITTEE
Jack White, Kings Mountain lawyer and chairman of township Young Democrats, has been appointed a member of the resolutions committee for the YDC convention which convenes in Charlotte September 16.

KIWANIS MEETING
Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold their regular weekly meeting at Masonic Dining Hall Thursday evening at 6:45. Rev. A. J. Argo will be guest speaker.

LIONS MEETING
Regular Lions meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock at Masonic hall. Coach Everett Carlton will be guest speaker of the evening.

OPTIMIST CLUB
Kings Mountain Optimist club will hold its regular meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at Corner Cafe.

SPECIAL SERVICE
An extension preaching service will be conducted at Missionary Methodist church, on Second street, Saturday night at 7:30, with the sermon to be given by Rev. Theodore Peterson. Pastor of the church is Rev. Clyde Maloney.

HIT BY CAR
Alfred Leon Dover, eight-year-old son of Louise Dover, of 515 Baker street, who was struck by a car Monday on U. S. Highway 74 near the overhead bridge is expected to be discharged from the hospital Thursday, according to Dr. P. G. Padgett. The child, police reported, ran into the path of a car driven by Jack Willard Swiggett, of 411 Gaston ave. Belmont.

AID ORIENTATION
GREENVILLE, S. C. — Hilda King, of Kings Mountain, and Jean Saunders, of Bessemer City, are among 64 student leaders who assisted with the orientation program for freshmen and transfer students at Furman university.

BUILDING PERMITS
Two building permits were issued Wednesday by Building Inspector J. W. Webster. One was issued to Kelly Dixon to build a house on Sims street at an estimated cost of \$5,000. The other to Sam Suber to erect a garage at an estimated cost of \$500.