

City Limits . . . . . 7,206
The population in from the U. S. Government census report for 1950. The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population grew since 1950 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7,900. The trading area population in 1945, based on census based projections at the Kings Mountain office, was 11,000.

Parade On Wednesday Will Open Christmas Season Here

Local News Bulletins

LEGION MEETING
Regular monthly meeting of Post 155, the American Legion will be held at the Legion Hall Friday at 8 p. m. Plans for Christmas will be announced, Commander James Bennett said.

ACCEPTS POSITION
Mrs. Juanita Falls has recently accepted a position as file clerk with the Kings Mountain Police department. Mrs. Falls is the wife of Carl Falls, taxi operator for Burton Cob Co. They reside at 204 E. King street.

TOYS
Broken toys, which will be mended and distributed Christmas to children of needy families, are still being collected by Kings Mountain Police department. Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said persons wishing to contribute may do so by calling 254.

METER RECEIPTS
Net receipts from city's parking meters for week ending Wednesday at noon were \$126.92 according to Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office.

MRS. MAUNEY BETTER
Mrs. S. A. Mauney, who has been confined to her home since November 24, due to illness, was reported Wednesday by her daughter Mrs. B. N. Barnes, to be improving satisfactorily.

ATTENDS MEETING
Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr., attended the North Carolina Alumni Chapter Psi Omega Dental Fraternity, in session at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill during the weekend. He was elected Junior Grand Master of the fraternity for the coming year.

ELECTED
Fred W. Plonk was named vice president of the Cleveland County chapter of North Carolina State College alumni at a meeting of the group in Shelby last week. Howard Clapp, county agent, was elected president of the organization and W. H. Brown of Shelby, was named secretary-treasurer.

FOOTBALL BANQUET
Annual Lions Club banquet honoring the Kings Mountain high school football team will be held at Masonic Hall Tuesday, December 14 contrary to announcement last week listing the date as Dec. 16. Coach E. C. Duggins, of A.S.T.C. victor in the Barley Bowl game Thanksgiving day, will be the principal speaker.

CHICKEN SUPPER
A chicken pie supper and bazaar will be held at El Beth clubhouse Saturday, December 4, from 5:30 until 8 o'clock p. m. The supper is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the El Beth Methodist church.

BUILDING PERMITS
Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Saturday to D. P. McDaniels to erect a residence on Margaret street. The permit was issued at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

KIWANIS MEETING
Mrs. Mary Burns Parker, Cleveland county welfare superintendent, will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their Thursday night meeting, Masonic Dining Hall, at 6:45.

J. C. Lackey Critically Ill

The condition of J. C. Lackey, who became seriously ill last Friday, was termed critical by Dr. J. E. Anthony Wednesday.

Mr. Lackey, vice-president and former secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Building and Loan association, was taken home by ambulance from the building and loan office last Friday. He was hospitalized Monday.



POLIO FUND DRIVE LEADERS - Ben H. Bridges, Jr., left, and W. J. Fulkerson, right, have been named co-chairmen of the 1955 March of Dimes fund campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, it was announced this week. Mr. Bridges will direct the general appeal, while Mr. Fulkerson will be in charge of the industrial division of the campaign.



Schools Surplus Put At \$933,968

Audit Report On Local Funds Is Published

Audit of Kings Mountain district school funds for 1953-54 by Robert H. Cooke, Shelby certified public accountant, showed the district's surplus at June 30 at \$933,968.05, including its several school plants which are listed in value at \$285,300.

Summary of the detailed audit report is published in today's issue of the Herald, and copy of the audit is on file at the office of Superintendent B. N. Barnes and at the Herald.

Auditor Cooke noted that the county treasurer owed the Kings Mountain school district a total of \$11,231.46, part from the current expense per capita account (\$5,106.18) and part from the capital outlay per capita account (\$6,125.28), but said the city district had been overpaid \$12.97 by the treasurer from the district tax supplement and \$5.49 by the county superintendent on the debt service per capita account. He noted that these figures do not appear in the assets - liabilities report.

Mr. Cooke also praised the school superintendent for his record - keeping as follows: "The records in the office of the superintendent are well kept and in commendable condition. It is evident that much diligence is given to the proper distribution and classification of disbursements."

The report shows that the schools maintain fire insurance coverage on the properties at \$356,030, which Auditor Cooke deemed adequate, and reported the total bonded indebtedness of the district at \$12,000.

At the end of the year June 30, the district schools showed the following cash balances: current expense fund, \$23,906.95; capital outlay fund \$42,706.27; debt service fund, \$2,873.42; current funds, \$69,480.94; special bond monies, \$51,181.41.

During 1953-54 the Kings Mountain city administrative unit received in local funds \$233,069.59, including the \$137,957.47 balance carried over from the previous fiscal year. Major portion of the actual receipts of \$35,112.12 came from tax sources, \$33,762.94 from county tax for school purposes, another \$19,319.31 from the special district tax, and \$4,827.61 from bond monies. Churches supplied \$4,241.53 for the school Bible teaching program, while the school lunch program supplement was \$8,269.71.

The schools spent a total of \$102,401.54. Major expenditures included \$27,117.05 for instructional salaries and more than \$37,000 for purchase of sites and improvements to existing buildings. Maintenance of plants cost \$14,744.51, and debt service cost \$5,587.50.



ELECTED - Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr., Kings Mountain dentist, was elected junior grand master of the North Carolina chapter of Psi Omega dental fraternity, at the annual convention at Chapel Hill last Saturday. Dr. Hord attended the meeting.

Gas Line Work Said On Schedule

Construction of the city's natural gas distribution system is going well and virtually on schedule, Public Works Superintendent E. C. Nicholson said Wednesday.

Currently, the gas system construction firm is completing work on the transmission line from York Road cut-in point and is also preparing for testing installations already completed in the "first section", which includes lines from Battleground avenue east, in the southeast sector of the city.

Mr. Nicholson said the city expects to be ready to accept gas from the Transcontinental Pipeline by January 15, as required in the Federal Power Commission order granting the city a natural gas allotment.



SCENE FROM LITTLE THEATRE COMEDY - In the picture above Peggy Mauney, as Sandra Stone, is collecting a spunking from Jeff Wells, who plays the role of Jim Watson, in the three-act comedy "Act Your Age" which the Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present at the Woman's Club auditorium on December 9 and 11.

Albert Hamrick Funeral Rites Held On Friday

Funeral rites for Albert Hamrick, 83, prominent retired farmer, were held last Friday afternoon at 2:30 at Patterson Grove Baptist church, with interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hamrick, a native of Cleveland county, died at his home at 6 o'clock Thanksgiving morning. He had been in declining health for six years. He was a son of the late Elphus and Mary Carpenter Hamrick.

Mr. Hamrick was known to several generations of Kings Mountain citizens as the genial host of Hamrick Springs, as his home was known, a popular picnicking ground for many years for church and other groups.

Mr. Hamrick is survived by his wife, the former Amanda Hendrick, two sons, Tom Hamrick and Sam Hamrick, both of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Mrs. Paul Ceberson, of Tryon, Mrs. B. G. Wood, Kannapolis, Mrs. Lamar Cline, Waco, and Mrs. Bob Byrd, Brevard; a brother, Cleophus Hamrick, Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. W. B. McSwain, Landrum, S. C.; and a half-sister, Mrs. J. C. Cabness, of Lattimore. Eight grandchildren also survive.

The body lay in state at the church for an hour prior to the final rites, which were conducted by Rev. J. J. Thornburg, the pastor, and Rev. John Suttle, Mr. Hamrick was a member of the Patterson Grove church.

Active pallbearers were David Hamrick, Ben Hamrick, H. C. Cabness, Defay Costner, Hal Hendrick, and C. S. Hendrick.

Honorary pallbearers were Tom Bridges, William Wright, J. S. Ware, Frank Ware, W. A. Williams, I. M. Allen, Sr., and J. Bun Patterson.

Lovelace Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Martha Bell Lovelace, 74, were conducted Wednesday at 3 p. m., from Oak Grove Baptist church, interment following in the church cemetery.

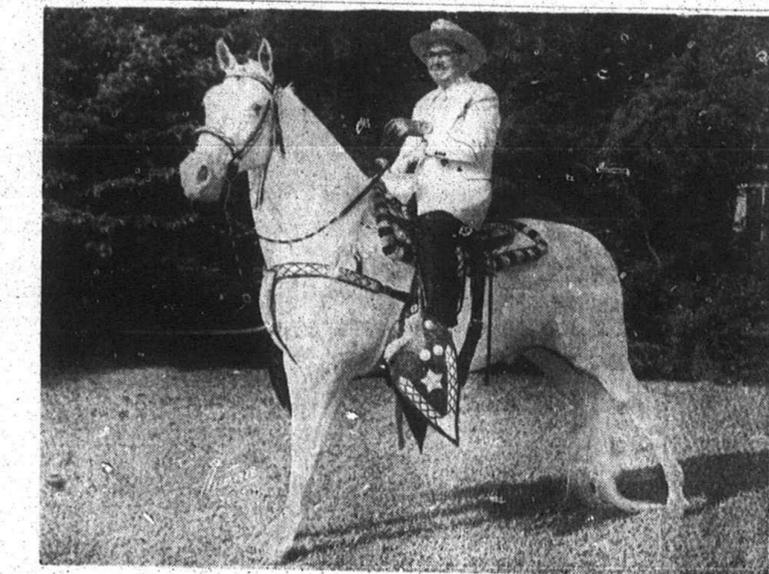
Rev. Hoyle B. Alexander and Rev. C. C. Crowe officiated. Mrs. Lovelace died Tuesday morning at 1:45 a. m. at her home on route one after an illness of three weeks. A native of Cleveland county, she was the widow of Monroe Lovelace and a daughter of the late Jonas and Nita Camp Bell. She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Will Watterson and Mrs. Frank C. Ware, both of Kings Mountain, a foster son, Culp Ford, Shelby, five brothers, D. A. Bell, Lee Bell, Dick Bell, and Sam Bell, all of Kings Mountain, and T. R. Bell, of Shelby, and two sisters, Mrs. Elam McSwain and Mrs. William Wright, both of Kings Mountain.

Thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive.

GRADUATED

Johanne Littlejohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Littlejohn, was graduated from King's Business College, Charlotte, on November 17, after completing a course in junior accounting. He is continuing his study at the business school in senior accounting.



KINGS MOUNTAIN PARADE ENTRANT - L. A. Love, of Charlotte, will ride his white horse. Sir Charles Allen, Jr., in next Wednesday's Christmas opening parade here. Merchants association officials report a record entry list in the parade, which formally opens the Christmas shopping season here. Mr. Love is vice-president and general manager of Queen City Coach Company.

Yule Club Checks Totaled \$40,400

Bank Mailed Checks Tuesday To 535 Members

First National Bank mailed 1954 Christmas Club checks totaling \$40,400 to 543 members Tuesday, and concurrently announced opening of its 1955 Christmas Savings Club with predictions that total membership, as well as volume of savings, would increase considerably in the coming year.

The checks for 1954 were dated December 1. The payments this week marked completion of the fourth consecutive Christmas club and marked the fourth consecutive year that total payments had increased.

President Frank R. Summers gave these figures for the prior three years: 1951 payments, \$6,215; 1952 payments, \$21,495; 1953 payments, \$34,255.

The 1955 club officially opens Monday, but applications for membership and first payments are already being accepted.

As indications of increased participation in the 1955 club, President Summers noted that 60 employees of Mauney Hosiery Company completed 1954 memberships in full. Already, he said, 109 have joined the new club, including virtually all the 1954 members.

Mr. Summers said he had talked with a number of members of the 1954 club recently and the frequent remark is, "If I hadn't belonged to the club I would not have had this money ready for Christmas."

He said a great amount of the total of \$40,400 will go into the stream of commerce for Christmas gifts, but that some members are using the club savings for other purposes. One member said his Christmas club check would complete his home mortgage payments, while another said his check would clear a number of open accounts at various firms, Mr. Summers reported.

"We invite all citizens to join our 1955 Christmas Club now opening," Mr. Summers said. "The principal purpose is to encourage regular savings to give the members ample Christmas shopping funds."

Under the plan, a member agrees to pay from 50 cents to five dollars weekly into the club for a 50-week period.

TWO FIRES

Firemen were called Saturday night around 6:05 to the home of S. P. Martin to extinguish an oil stove blaze, Ted Gamble, fireman, reported. On Monday around 10:30 a. m. on York road, Mr. Gamble reported, firemen extinguished a blaze occurring in a Ford tractor.

Merchants Are Open All Day Wednesdays

Kings Mountain merchants are now open on a full six-day week schedule, which they will continue through the Christmas shopping season.

The city's retailers suspend annually their Wednesday afternoon half-holidays from Thanksgiving to Christmas to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

The retailers will resume their half-holidays on December 29.

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., reminded motorists that the city parking meters will be checked for over-parking by the meter officer on Wednesday afternoons until merchants resume Wednesday afternoon closings.

Huggins Addressed First Baptist Group

Dr. M. A. Huggins, executive secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, was the speaker at the regular Wednesday worship service at First Baptist church.

The speaker spoke on the "Nine Year Program of the North Carolina Baptist Convention."

Wednesday night was the first time the state executive had visited the Kings Mountain church.

Board To Meet Thursday Night

The city board of commissioners will convene at 8 o'clock Thursday night at City Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

City Clerk Joe Hendrick said Wednesday the agenda was brief, with only a few items listed for consideration. Among them are discussion on conversion of the city's coal-fired boiler for use of natural gas.

Kings Mountain City Directory Now In Sight, Optimist President Says

Prospects are good that the Optimist Club effort to obtain publication of a Greater Kings Mountain city directory will be successful, President Neal Grissom reported this weekend.

Mr. Grissom said Kings Mountain industrial and business firms have contracted for advertising in the directory to a sum of \$1,700 against a minimum requirement of \$2,500. He said he hoped to complete the advertising sales work this weekend.

Census work on obtaining information for the directory, which will list alphabetically every individual and business firm in the Kings Mountain area, a numerical telephone guide, an

Rains Alleviate Water Shortage

Last weekend's steady and sometimes heavy rains materially alleviated Kings Mountain's water shortage.

However, the city is still cautious and is pumping the Gold Mine shaft to the extent of its now-low supply. E. C. Nicholson, superintendent of public works, said Wednesday. The Gold Mine shaft was pumped dry several weeks ago and since that time has furnished water for the city only on alternate days. Mr. Nicholson said that this pumpage would be continued until more rain arrives.

The city has stopped pumping from the new auxiliary reservoir on Davidson Creek, and water level of the reservoir is going up by approximately four inches per day, Mr. Nicholson continued.

Meantime, with the rains and auxiliary pumpage plus lower consumption of water, the York Road reservoir level is up by 18 inches. Streams serving this source which dried completely during the long drought are now flowing again.

Lennon Assumes Duties At Bank

Richard S. Lennon assumed his new duties as vice-president and cashier of First National Bank Wednesday morning.

The Mullins, S. C., banker has moved into the residence at 108 East Ridge street, formerly occupied by his predecessor, L. E. Abbott, and his family will join him here within a few weeks.

Mr. Lennon comes to Kings Mountain after more than two decades of banking service, the past ten years at the Bank of Mullins and the prior 11 years at the Bank of Rowland, North Carolina. He was cashier of the Mullins institution when he resigned to succeed Mr. Abbott here.

He has been active in civic affairs and in the activities of the South Carolina Bankers' association. He is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Abbott left Kings Mountain October 15 to become an officer of the Bank of Gaffney, S. C.

Bands, Queens, Floats, Santa Parade Features

Santa Claus comes to town for a public appearance next Wednesday afternoon, and record crowds are expected in Kings Mountain for a record-size Christmas opening parade sponsored by the Kings Mountain Merchants association in cooperation with numerous other civic, industrial, and church groups.

Sam Collins and Fred Plonk, in charge of the parade details, announced yesterday that more than 20 units are already entered in the parade, with many more expected.

The parade will begin at 4:30.

Five high school bands and numerous floats have been entered. The bands include Kings Mountain, Cherryville, Shiloh, Gastonia and Dallas high schools.

Line Of March

Following is the line of march for next Wednesday's Christmas parade, beginning at 4:30 p. m., after forming on West Gold street: Gold street to Railroad avenue, north on Railroad avenue to King street, cross overhead bridge and east to Piedmont avenue then south on Piedmont to Mountain street, west on Mountain to Battleground avenue, and south on Battleground to Gold street dispersal point.

while floats listed on the parade line-up include those of Queen City Coach Company, winner of the Carolinas Carrousel competition, Lance, Inc., "Cricket Express", Sunrise Dairy, Coca-Cola, Burlington Mills and Mauney Mills, in addition to the Merchants association's Santa Claus float.

Other units of the parade will feature high school queens from Kings Mountain, Bessemer City, Bethware, Grover and Waco, units of the Kings Mountain National Guard company, units of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scout organizations, church musical groups, and Davidson school.

Lon Love, general manager of Queen City Coach Company, will appear in cowboy attire on his white stallion, and a double-deck Queen City bus will also be in the parade.

City electricians are completing this week the annual job of hanging Christmas lights. In the business district, and the Merchants association is also planning erection of its newly-purchased nativity scene, scheduled for display on the lawn of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library.

Miss Lindsay Contest Winner

Lavonne Lindsay, Kings Mountain high school junior, was declared winner of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Voice of Democracy contest held Tuesday morning at Central school.

Miss Lindsay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsay, of W. Gold street, will receive the Voice of Democracy medal and a cash award of ten dollars. A recording of her winning speech will be sent in to the state chairman of the Jaycee contest for determining the North Carolina winner, who will compete in January for national honors and prizes.

Other contestants Tuesday were Mike Houser, Carolyn Brown, Donald Hord and Nick Smith. Contest judges were Mrs. M. A. Ware, Rev. Phil Shore and John Lewis. Faculty advisors were Miss Helen Logan and Douglas Swink.

Miss Lindsay's winning speech was a clever analogy of the ideologies of freedom versus communism delivered in terms of a football game. It will be broadcast at a later date over Radio Station WKMT.

Contest judges agreed that it was a very close contest and a difficult decision to pick a winner. "All five students did an excellent job," they said.

JAYCEES

G. A. Munson general manager of Lithium Corp. of America's Bessemer City plant, is scheduled to speak to the Junior Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting at Masonic Hall Tuesday night at 7 p. m. in continuation of the club's "local industry" program series. President Wilson Griffin has announced. Officials of Fote Mineral Co. presented the program on November 16.