

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 1939 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7669.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS



SNOW SCENE—Here is a sample of Kings Mountain's snow dress of last week, following the first major snow the city had received in seven winters. The picture above was snapped by Carlisle...

Patterson Says Building Boom Will Continue

Officers and directors of Home Building & Loan association were re-elected at meetings Tuesday, as shareholders, in annual meeting, heard reports on a prosperous 1954 and predictions of further progress for the association in 1955.

Shareholders re-elected all of the nine directors, Dr. J. E. Anthony, G. A. Bridges, J. H. Thomson, A. H. Patterson, I. G. Patterson, L. L. Alexander, J. B. Mauney, B. S. Peeler, Sr., and B. D. Ratterree. In a meeting following the annual session, the directors re-elected all officers, who are: Dr. Anthony, president; Mr. Bridges, vice-president; Mr. Thomson, vice-president; Mr. Patterson, executive vice-president and secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Fairy L. Patterson, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Emily A. Herndon, clerk. Davis & White were re-elected the association's attorneys.

In his report on the association's 1954 activities, which found assets increasing to \$1,763,082.16, Secretary Patterson listed these highlights: 'Home loans increased both in number and amount, with such loans numbering 293, and totaling \$538,419.00 in 1954, gains of \$232,905.21. Total loans outstanding now amount to \$1,503,689.80.

'New savings in 1954 increased by \$216,074, or nearly 14%, bringing total savings accounts to \$1,585,995.21, and the number of savings account holders also increased. Dividends paid out to savers totaled \$43,337 at the rate of 3% per annum.

'To further protect the savings entrusted to us and to maintain our strong financial position generally, we increased our reserves significantly. A total of \$22,829 was added to the reserve fund with the result that total reserves now amount to \$140,295 or nearly nine percent of savings.

Such gains, Mr. Patterson said, were of 'great significance' since they came at a time of moderate business decline and some unemployment. This would seem to indicate, he said, that the people of Kings Mountain have realized the importance of saving a portion of their income each year for things they wish to buy in the future, as well as for financial security.

Mr. Patterson described the outlook for business in the coming year as 'highly favorable.'

Home building, Mr. Patterson said, most likely will equal or exceed 1954's levels. Demand for new homes continued strong, he commented with demand greatest for larger, well-designed, well-equipped and well-located houses. Prices of most new homes should remain stable, he said, 'with some improvement in quality' likely. In 1955 the home buyer should be able to get more house for the same amount of money than in 1954, he concluded.

HOSPITALIZED
P. A. Hawkins, city policeman, is a patient in Kings Mountain hospital where he is receiving treatment for a heart condition. He entered the hospital on last Thursday.

IN HOSPITAL
E. E. Marlowe, Kings Mountain auto dealer, is receiving treatment at Kings Mountain hospital for a severe arm fracture he sustained in a fall at his home on Tuesday night.

Many Activities Scheduled For Benefit Of Polio Drive



FIRST GAS CUSTOMER—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Seagle, who live at 118 Sadie Mill, became the first customers of the Kings Mountain Natural Gas department last week, as the city department crew cut in their service late January 19. The gas department reported it was serving 14 customers at noon Wednesday.

Mother's March, Sing, Auction, Road Block Set

The coming week will be 'big push' week for Kings Mountain's March of Dimes campaign, with a wide variety of activities scheduled to boost the total of contributions to the fund to fight infantile paralysis.

The principle activities begin on Sunday. At 2 o'clock, the Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Gospel Sing at Central school auditorium featuring the Harmonizers Quartet and Dan Huskey's Revelaires, both of Atlanta, Ga., plus the Toney Trio, of LeNoir, and the Pantominers, of Kings Mountain. Admission will be \$1.25 per person.

Also on Sunday afternoon, the Jaycees will conduct a March of Dimes roadblock on U. S. 29 and 74, inviting passing motorists to aid the fund. This event was cancelled last Sunday due to inclement weather.

The familiar Mother's March will be conducted Monday evening between 7:30 and 8:30 by the Junior Woman's Club, under direction of a committee including Miss Margaret Goforth, chairman, Mrs. James Alexander, Miss Irene Allen, Mrs. Denver King and Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr.

Next Wednesday afternoon, from 2:30 to 4:30, the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club and Station WKMT will collaborate in a 'radio auction.' Items of merchandise are being collected by the Kiwanis club and will be offered at auction during the two-hour period. Bidders should call the radio station (phone 999).

When an item is sold, a member of the Kiwanis club will be dispatched with the article and will collect from the purchaser. Unsuccessful bidders and other listeners are invited to contribute a dollar for playing of their favorite song. Charles Neisler and J. C. Bridges, of the Kiwanis Club, and Co-Chairman Ben Bridges, Jr., or W. J. Fulkerson.

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Stroupe Drug To Open Here

Stroupe Drug Company, Inc., a recently organized retail drug firm, tentatively will open here about March 4, it was announced this week by L. S. Stroupe, general manager.

The firm is owned by Mr. Stroupe and W. H. Houser, Cherryville druggist. Work is underway now on the building of Dr. W. L. Mauney at 231 S. Battleground avenue, where the firm will be located.

Mr. Stroupe said the building is being extensively remodeled, with new front and fixtures, to provide a modern drug store, which will offer for sale full selections of cosmetics and sundries, in addition to drug prescription service. A modern soda fountain is to be installed, and the firm will be a franchised dealer for Walgreen drug products.

Mr. Stroupe, a Gaston county native, is a registered pharmacist who attended the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy and George Washington.

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PROMOTED—Harold J. Phillips has been promoted to the position of superintendent of Crafts-pun Yarns, Inc., it was announced this week by the company management. The appointment was effective January 1. Mr. Phillips had held the position of assistant superintendent.

DAR Chapters To Unveil Marker At Long Creek

Col. Frederick Hambricht chapter, of Kings Mountain, and William Gaston chapter, Gastonia, Daughters of the American Revolution, will complete a joint project Sunday as officials unveil a marker to Revolutionary War patriots interred at Long Creek Presbyterian church cemetery.

Laura Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page and a descendant of Lt. James White, one of the patriots to be honored, will unveil the bronze marker in the wall of the cemetery gate. The inscription reads: 'In memory of Revolutionary Soldiers, Captain Samuel Espey, Lieutenant James White, Private James T. Henry, and other patriots buried in Long Creek cemetery—Erected by Col. Frederick Hambricht Chapter, William Gaston Chapter, N. S. D. A. R.'

Members of the two chapters, the Long Creek congregation, descendants of the patriots and the public are invited to attend the unveiling exercises which will be held at noon, immediately following regular morning services at the church.

Mrs. C. D. Blanton, of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Kay Dixon, of Gastonia, regents of the two chapters, will preside over a short program and present the marker. Rev. J. S. Johnson, Long Creek pastor, will accept the marker for the church.

Committees from the two chapters in charge of the project are: from Col. Frederick Hambricht chapter, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, chairman, Mrs. C. E. Neisler and Mrs. Frank R. Summers; from William Gaston chapter, Mrs. Walter Rhyne, chairman, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Vivian Rankin, and Mrs. Evon Houser.

Cola Machine Theft Reported To Police

Elzie Bridges, owner of Bridges Texaco Service, reported to police Tuesday that sometime after 12:30 a. m. Monday night, \$8 to \$10 in dimes were stolen from a drink machine at the station.

Mr. Bridges reported, Police stated, that the key, which had been left in the box, had been broken off in the lock and the box opened with an allen wrench. The money was in a change box.

City Gets Second Snowfall In Week

Kings Mountain, plagued with several dry days, got a second snowfall Sunday evening, after last week's big one. Much of the January 18-19 snowfall of five inches was still on the ground when snow began dropping again Sunday afternoon.

The snow, a light, flaky composition in contrast to the sleety variety of five days earlier, mantled the ground and shrubs in new white dress, but in less quantity.

Roads were quickly cleared Monday morning and there were few reports of stalled cars.

Merchants were rushed, however, in their rubber footwear department. Old stocks were cleaned out in majority of the city's establishments, and several merchants placed rush orders in anticipation of more rough weather before spring arrives.

Freezing temperatures have been nightly occurrence for the past week.

Local News Bulletins

Merchants Elect Collins President

Retailers To Hold Annual Banquet Monday Evening



RETAILER CHIEF—Sam Collins has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association for 1955. He will be installed at the annual Employer-Employee banquet Monday night.

AT RALEIGH
Dr. J. P. Mauney, veterinarian, is attending the 17th annual conference for veterinarians being held January 25-28 at North Carolina State college, Raleigh. The conference is sponsored by the college and the State Veterinary Medical Association.

TAG SALES
A total of 410 city auto licenses for 1955 have been purchased at the office of the city clerk, Miss Grace Carpenter, of the city clerk's office, announced Wednesday. Eighty-two of the total were purchased this week, she said.

MASONIC INSTRUCTION
A. C. Wright, certified lecturer, will be at Fairview Lodge No. 339 A. F. & A. M., starting 7:30 p. m. Monday night for instruction in all degree work. All Master Masons are invited to attend. The schedule of instructions will be announced Monday night at the lodge hall, Joe McDaniel, Jr., secretary, said.

AT PRESBYTERIAN
Sunday morning, the congregation of First Presbyterian church will hear a message by Alexander McGeachy of Clearwater, Fla., a student at Davidson College. His subject will be 'Feeling God's Presence.' Bob Martin, Welch, La., also from Davidson, will sing 'I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked.'

RATTERREE TRANSFERRED
Major James Ratterree, USAF, has received orders to report for duty at Tacoma, Wash., Air Force base, according to information received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Ratterree. He has been on duty at Tucson, Ariz.

Gastonian Praises Courtesy System

The Kings Mountain Merchants association received from a grateful, over-parked motorist recently a letter of appreciation for the city's merchant-sponsored Courtesy Nickel parking system. B. B. Brown, Jr., of 1019 Woodland Drive, Gastonia, wrote: 'I am attaching Courtesy Ticket I received in your city today. Since you folk have been more than generous, I feel that I should return more than the nickel the officer placed in the meter for me. I would like to compliment your association upon this courtesy and I shall not only remember to place the nickel in the meter next time but remember the gesture your city gives to those visiting there. It would be well for some of our other cities to take a lesson from you folk—much could be accomplished.'

Fabric Firm To Open Soon

A new business enterprise, Whitley Fabric Shop, will open here soon, it was announced this week by W. Herbert Whitley, of Bessemer City, owner.

The firm will be located in the J. R. Davis building on W. Mountain street, recently vacated by F. & N. Appliance Company. The appliance firm moved next door in the building formerly occupied by The Meat House.

The Fabric firm will offer for sale complete lines of fabrics and sewing accessories, including drapery materials, Mr. Whitley said. The firm will be managed by Ralph Whitley. Work on renovating the building is underway. Whitley's Fabric Shop has opened.

Bloodmobile At Grover On Monday; Quota For Collection 125 Pints

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Grover Monday under sponsorship of the Grover Lions club and in another of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter's regular blood collections. The Bloodmobile unit will receive donors from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., at Shiloh Presbyterian church and seeks a minimum collection of 125 pints. The blood is stored in the area bank at Charlotte for the benefit of the entire area. Red Cross chapter areas which fail to meet their quotas face suspension from the blood program, as did the Kings Mountain chapter last year. Kings Mountain chapter serves all of Number 4 Township. Kings Mountain citizens are being urged to visit Grover Monday and give their blood in this collection. Grover is a small community and it is too much to ask that this community, without help from her neighbors in Kings Mountain, meet a full regular quota of 125 pints of blood, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, publicity chairman, said yesterday. The Kings Mountain police department is in charge of transportation and any person wishing to offer their blood should call the office, telephone 254. 'Blood is now used in treating many illnesses,' Mrs. Griffin continued. 'With greater calls, greater supplies are needed.' Dr. P. G. Padgett, chapter blood chairman, will make a talk in support of the collection via Station WKMT Monday morning at 9:15.

1954 PRESS AWARD
North Carolina Press Association
Best News Coverage
Weekly Division
SECOND PLACE
KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD
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14 Customers Being Served On Wednesday

The city's newly created Natural Gas department got into business on the afternoon of January 19, as service was inaugurated at noon the city listed 14 gas users. First service went to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Seagle, 118 Sadie Mill. On Wednesday, the city began serving B. & B. Restaurant.

Other first-week customers reported are: Leonard Smith, Luther Caveny, Sadie Mill office, Dennis Goforth, E. C. Nicholson, John W. Gladden, North Carolina Employment Service office, J. R. Davis (office), Dr. J. E. Anthony (office), V. L. Beechum, the gas department superintendent, and L. S. Stroupe. The city is also buying from itself, having converted the City Hall boiler for use of natural gas on Tuesday.

Inauguration of gas service culminates a three-year-and-more effort of the city to get into the gas distribution business. The gas department is inviting deposits for service in areas where installation of mains have been completed. The deposits (refundable on suspension of service) are \$5 for residential customers, \$10 for commercial customers, and \$25 for industrial customers. It is still possible to obtain a gas tap for \$10. The city has indicated this rate will go to \$55-\$75 when the construction of the system is completed.

Herald Wins Second For News Work In 1954 State Newspaper Contests

The Kings Mountain Herald won second place in news coverage in the 1954 state-wide weekly newspaper contests, as judged by the Journalism staff of Washington & Lee University. The awards were presented at the Duke university banquet of the Mid-Winter Press Institute last Friday night, with Governor Luther Hodges making the presentations. The Herald placed second to the Transylvania Times, of Brevard. Other winners in news coverage were the Skyland Post, West Jefferson, third, and the Bertie Ledger - Advance, Windsor, fourth.

Martin Harmon, editor of the Herald, accepted the award on behalf of the news staff. It was the third award won by the Herald in the annual newspaper contests since 1950. In 1950, the Herald was adjudged first in the editorial page division. In 1952, the Herald was adjudged third in news coverage. Twenty-six weekly newspapers of the state competed in the 1954 contests. Basis of the judging was six 1954 editions, four of them on publishing dates designated by the contest chairman, and two others of the Herald's choice.