

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 gains since 1950 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7696. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

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Local News Bulletins

FINGER BETTER
Carl Finger, receiving treatment at Kings Mountain hospital for a back ailment, was reported improving Wednesday.

RECOVERING
Miss Alice Averitt, city schools teaching consultant, is recuperating satisfactorily at Gaston Memorial hospital, following an operation she underwent last week.

AT DAVIDSON
Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, attended a meeting of the trustees of Davidson college in one-day session at Davidson Wednesday.

BANK HOLIDAY TUESDAY
First National Bank will be closed Tuesday in observance of the national holiday commemorating George Washington's birthday, it was announced by R. S. Lennon, vice-president and cashier.

SUMMERS HOME
F. R. Summers returned home Saturday from Charlotte Memorial hospital, where he has been receiving treatment for pneumonia. Mr. Summers was still confined to his home Wednesday, but was reported improving satisfactorily.

LITTLE THEATRE
Try-outs for a religious play to be presented Palm Sunday night by the Little Theatre will be held at the Little Theatre office at the Woman's club Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p. m.

FOUNDER'S DAY
Annual Founder's Day and Father's Night program will be observed at the regular meeting of the Central P.T.A. Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. at Central auditorium, it was announced this week.

AT PRESBYTERIAN
Mrs. Park Moore, of Grover, will be the speaker Sunday at the morning worship services at First Presbyterian church. The program on "Africa" will be the third in a series of world mission programs at the church. Mrs. Moore's mother is a missionary in Africa. A film strip, "Our Church in the World," will be shown.

SURVEY GAS SYSTEM
Mayor Glee A. Bridges, J. W. Webster, E. C. Nicholson and Joe McDaniel, Jr., are on a three-day trip to Danville, Va., where the group of city officials are inspecting operation of a natural gas distribution system. The group will return Thursday.

ATTEND MEETING
Mrs. J. N. Gamble and B. S. Peeler, Jr., attended an area meeting of Red Cross officials at Morganton Tuesday. Plans for the forthcoming Red Cross fund campaign were discussed and Dr. Frank P. Graham, national vice-president, addressed the group.

KEETER BETTER
J. Byron Keeter, Kings Mountain business man who has been confined to his home for the past week with arthritis was reported improving Wednesday.

SPEAKER
The Rev. Kenneth DePloue, Missionary of South Africa, will be the guest speaker at a special mission service at Church of God, Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

HOME FROM NAVY
Gene Mitchem, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Mitchem, has been released from active duty with the navy, following three years service at Norfolk, Va. Mr. Mitchem and his family will resume residence soon in their home on Hawthorne Road. Their home is now occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Fritz, soon to occupy the new Resurrection Lutheran parsonage.

ATTEND MEETINGS
Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., and Sgt. Martin Ware attended a Motor Vehicle Safety Check Program held in Chapel Hill Friday and Saturday. The meeting concerned a new safety program. The City of Kings Mountain has been selected as one out of ten cities to participate in a voluntary inspection program.

Ministers Oppose Movies On Sunday

Preachers Vote Unanimously On Resolution

The Kings Mountain Ministerial association unanimously went on record Monday against showing of motion pictures on Sunday in Kings Mountain.

The ministers met in regular meeting Monday morning and adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That it is the unanimous opinion of ministers of Kings Mountain that moving picture houses should not be open on Sunday, and that we believe this opinion to be in harmony with that of a majority of the citizens of Kings Mountain."

The resolution was adopted after considerable discussion, in which some members of the association sought a more strongly worded resolution addressed to the city board of commissioners. The action by the ministers came as the board is considering a request for relaxation of Sunday blue laws to allow showing of motion pictures during non-church hours. At its February meeting, when the board received the request from Ed Tutor, manager of Joy and Dixie Theatres, the board deferred action without comment.

Other principal action by the ministers at their Monday meeting was discussion of plans for the annual Good Friday radio program, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a two-hour service in which many of the city's ministers take part.

30 Now Buying Natural Gas

The city's potential natural gas customers numbered 39 Wednesday at noon.

Records in the utilities department office showed 39 individuals and business firms had posted deposits for gas service, and V. L. Beechum, gas department superintendent, said 30 customers are currently being served with gas. Service lines for the other nine have been installed with inauguration of service awaiting mainline cut-on.

First meter readings on the gas consumption will be made Thursday, Mr. Beechum added. Bills will be mailed, along with other city utility billings though on a separate form, on March 1.

Line installation work is underway on W. Gold street.

Thieves Swipe Polio Fund Tube

David L. Saunders, owner of Saunders Dry Cleaners, reported Saturday to Police Department, the theft of a Polio Fund tube containing approximately fifty cents in change.

Investigation proved, police stated, that entry was gained to the building by the thieves through a side window after breaking a window pane glass and lifting the latch of the window.

Dr. Grosse Correct, Moomaw Says; Kings Mountain Is Military Park

Dr. Grosse was correct, Ben Moomaw reports.

On Herb Shriner's Saturday night television show, "Two For The Money", Mr. Shriner asked two contestants to name the 21 states in which the country's national parks are located.

Dr. Grosse rang the buzzer stopping the contest when the lady contestant named South Carolina as one of the states.

The quiz show "Judge" didn't explain why he disallowed the South Carolina answer and one could almost hear the big howl that came up from local area citizens.

Mr. Moomaw reported receipt of numerous phone calls and said it was "really rough" in the York, S. C., area.

Civic Groups Will Discuss Recreation Plans

Representatives from the city's civic and veterans clubs are to meet with the parks and recreation commission at City Hall courtroom on Thursday at 8 p. m. to discuss plans for an enlarged recreation plant and program.

The meeting is being called by the Junior Chamber of Commerce which is to hold a director's meeting Thursday at 7 p. m.

Jack White, recreation commission secretary, reports that invitations have been extended most clubs in the city and he urges that every organization wishing to assist have a representative present at the joint meeting.

The recreation commission has formulated an outline of projects to submit to the other groups for their acceptance as projects, Mr. White reported two weeks ago.

The recreation commission is currently supervising construction of two swimming pools and is interviewing applicants for the position of city recreation director.

Negro Officer Wounds Boyce

The assaulting of a police officer Sunday afternoon by two Negro men resulted in the shooting of one by Officer Laymon Cornwell and the arrest of the other.

In Kings Mountain hospital recuperating from two pistol wounds of the left leg and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and resisting arrest is Sammy Boyce, Negro, of 311 Watterson street.

Free under a \$500 bond on similar charges is Johnny McClure, of 417 Childers street.

The assault on Officer Cornwell by Boyce and McClure was the climax of an argument over a citation previously given by Cornwell to one of the Negro men and the attempted arrest of McClure, who during the course of the argument threatened Cornwell, Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said, Cornwell, Chief Logan added, thrown to the ground by Boyce and McClure, shot Boyce in self defense only after three shots fired in the ground failed to stop the advances of the two Negro men. Chief Logan also stated that Officer Cornwell called by car radio for another patrol car, but police on arrival found Boyce shot and Officer Cornwell's clothes "torn off."

Trial for the two Negro men has been scheduled for Monday in City Recorder's court.

Kiwanis Club To Fete Scouts

Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be guests of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night.

The club's Boys and Girls committee, headed by Halbert Webb, has arranged an entertainment program featuring A. L. Thompson, Charlotte salesman and hobbyist by magician. Mr. Thompson sells dyes and chemicals for Civa, Co., Inc., and has previously appeared here for the Kiwanis club.

Other members of the committee in charge are I. Ben Goforth, Jr., Amos Dean, Dr. W. L. Mauney, and I. G. Patterson.

The club meets at Masonic Dining hall at 6:45.

Webster Issues Four Permits

Four building permits estimated to total \$20,300 were issued this week by Building Inspector J. W. Webster.

On Wednesday, February 9, a permit was issued to F. V. Webster to erect a one story house on Second street, at an estimated cost of \$4,500.

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Still to be completed and reported is the business area solicitation, being handled by the Kings Mountain Optimist club. Also still to be received are reports from Mauney Hosiery Company and Bennett Brick & Tile Company in the industrial division.

Bonnie Mills Cardroom Boss In City Race



FOURTH GRADE OF 1915—Pictured are members of the fourth grade class of Central school in 1915, together with their teacher (back row left) Miss Laura Meares. In the picture, front row, left to right, are Houston Lindsay, Willie Parker, Forrest Houser, Claude Hambricht, and Charles Peterson; second row, Herman Falls, Lloyd Falls (deceased), Frederick Ware, Thomas Mercer, Ralph Ware, Fred Mercer, and Earl Ledford; third row, Mamon McGinnis, Nell Watterson Biser, Bessie Ramsaur



Harris, Emelyn Dilling Gillespie, Henrietta Cash, Lucille Cornwell, Inez Abbott, and Flora Belle Fortune; fourth row, girl at left unidentified, Nina Roberts Wolfe, Mary Ledford Moss, Ethel Huffstetter, Agatha Hord, Callie Harmon, Ida Dixon Thompson, Vera Hambricht, Helen Shoemaker; back row, R. D. (Boo) Lockman, Clemonsee Boone, Howard Pursley, Floyd Wright, Everette Wright, Kirvis Wright, and Hunter Neisler. Mrs. Gillespie supplied the photo.

Sunday Fire Levels Bethware Church

Weekend fires in frigid weather resulted in complete loss of David's Baptist church near Bethware school and slight damage to Dixie Theatre.

The Sunday afternoon fire at David's Baptist church was fought by both Shelby and Kings Mountain fire departments, but to no avail.

The Saturday morning fire at Dixie Theatre was extinguished quickly, but Fire Chief Pat Tignor said the blaze would have been out of control — endangering also nearby commercial properties — had not the alarm been received when it was.

The David's Baptist blaze was reported to Kings Mountain fire department by Patrolman C. D. Fortune, after he was hailed when passing by a Bethware community resident. The fire was thought to have originated in the church heating plant. A power failure had occurred in the area, and church members speculated that the power failure caused the furnace's exhaust system to fail.

Bagwell Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral service for Mrs. Minnie Bagwell, 71-year-old resident of 820 N. 4th street, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Second Baptist church.

Rev. Howard T. Cook, the pastor, and Rev. R. L. Chaney officiated and burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Bagwell died Monday at 11:30 a. m. at the home of a son, J. T. Bagwell, after an illness of three months. She was the daughter of the late John and Mary Cantrell.

Surviving in addition to J. T. Bagwell are two sons, Willis Bagwell of Kings Mountain and James Bagwell of Ft. Mill, S. C., and a daughter, Mrs. June Taylor of Lawndale. Twenty-eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

Active pallbearers were Melvin, Charles, Carl, Billy and Lee Bagwell and Bobby Taylor.

Mayor Wants Ideas On Slogan For City

Should Kings Mountain continue to refer to itself as "The Historical City," or should some other slogan or slogans, be adopted?

Mayor Glee A. Bridges wants some answers by Friday.

J. Robert Covington, vice-president of Charlotte's Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company (WBT and WB-TV Charlotte and WBTW Florence, S. C.) addressed the mayor with a request for slogan and other information which Mr. Covington says the Charlotte broadcasting companies will use on the air lanes in publicizing Kings Mountain after moving to its new facilities on W. Morehead street.

These are the questions Mr. Covington asks: "What, if any, is your community's slogan? What phrase or sentence best describes the character, activities and/or objectives of your community? What regular special events or celebrations do you schedule, and how can they effectively be described?"

These are the questions the Mayor is passing along to Kings Mountain citizens.

For years, the city has used the slogan, "The Historical City," indicating its connections, geographically and otherwise, with Kings Mountain battleground.

LIONS PROGRAM

A representative of Cleveland County Welfare Department will address members of the Kings Mountain Lions club at their regular meeting Tuesday night at 6:45 p. m. at Masonic Dining hall. The program was arranged by Dr. Nathan Reed.

World Day Of Prayer Offerings Used For Many Charitable Works

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WITH LAW FIRM

Miss Joanne Caveny has joined Davis & White, Kings Mountain law firm, as a stenographer. She began her duties Monday. Miss Caveny has served several months in the office of Lassiter, Moore and Van Allen, of Charlotte.