

City Limits 7,208
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.

Bridges, Fulton And Grantham File Notices For Re-Election

Local News Bulletins

METER RECEIPTS
Receipts from the city's parking meters for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$145.27.

OPTIMIST CLUB
Regular meeting of the Optimist club will be held Thursday (tonight) at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club.

FAMILY NIGHT
Next Wednesday night, March 2, the congregation of the First Presbyterian church will meet at 7 p. m. for a "Family Night" covered dish supper.

GRASS FIRE
Firemen answered one call this week, according to Fireman Ted Gamble. On Tuesday, firemen extinguished a grass blaze at Burlington Mills.

ON HONOR ROLL
Betty Ledford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Ledford, was listed on the honor roll for the first semester at Carson-Newman College.

MOOSE LODGE
The regular meeting of Moose Lodge No. 1748 will be held Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

TAG SALES
A total of 1,019 city auto licenses for 1955 have been purchased at the office of the city clerk.

PRESBYTERIAN SKIT
The Junior department of the First Presbyterian church will present a skit, "You Are There" at the Sunday evening service.

ATTEND MEETING
Mrs. J. N. Gamble, and Mrs. Pride Ratterree, local Red Cross officials, are attending a one day Home Service meeting held by Stanley County American Red Cross Chapter in Albemarle.

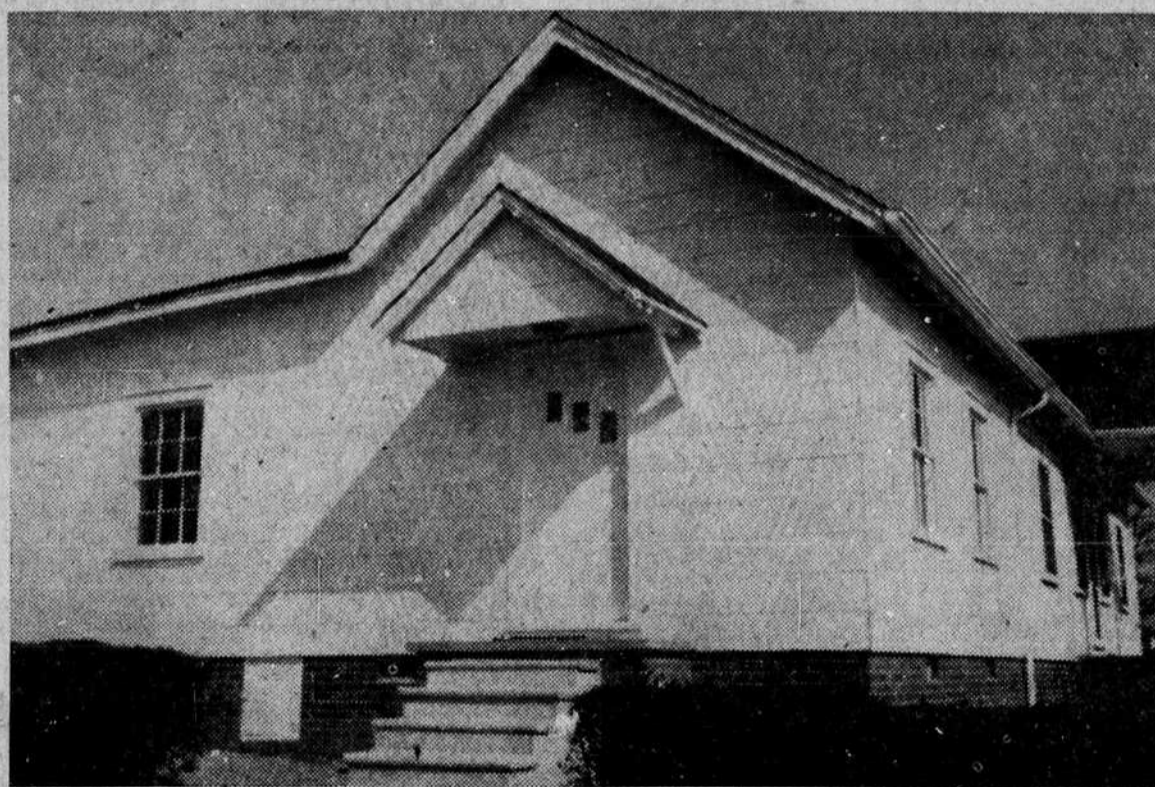
AT BLACK MOUNTAIN
Freland Tidwell, veteran superintendent of the city's water and sewer department, is a patient at Black Mountain sanitarium.

BUY HOME
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McDaniel have purchased from Crescent Hill Development Co., the Meadowbrook Road residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hal S. Plonk.

PHOTO IDENTIFIED
The unidentified girl in the picture of the Central school fourth grade of 1915, published in last week's Herald, was the late Miss Dossie Franklin.

Leukemia Is Fatal To Richard Canan
Military rites were held Wednesday at San Diego, California, for Richard Canan, 28, of Pasadena, California, brother of Mrs. Ed Goter.

Mr. Canan, an army veteran, died in City of Hope hospital, Pasadena, California, February 16, from acute leukemia. Mrs. Goter left for California by plane February 16, and expects to return next week.



SURGEONS' NEW OFFICES — Pictured above are the new offices of Dr. J. W. Harbison and Dr. Avery McMurry, Kings Mountain-Sheley surgeons, which they opened recently. The offices are located in a new addition to the Blackmer & Company building on West King street, near Kings Mountain hospital.

Surgeons Open New Offices Near Hospital

Dr. John W. Harbison and Dr. Avery McMurry, are announcing this week opening of new offices adjacent to Kings Mountain hospital.

The surgeons' new quarters are located in a new addition to the offices of Blackmer & company and Kings Mountain Bonded Warehouse.

Dr. Harbison and Dr. McMurry, who practice surgery here and in Shelby, opened offices in Kings Mountain a year ago in the basement apartment of the George W. Allen residence on E. King street.

First Gas Bills Total \$427.98

The city's first 27 natural gas customers will receive bills aggregating \$427.98 on March 1. It will be the city's first income from the new distribution system still under construction.

The total includes \$110.96 charged to the city itself for gas service (for heating) at City Hall. Under the \$400,000 revenue bond arrangement of the natural gas system, the city gas department bills the city as it does any other customer, which will be required until the gas system bonds are retired.

On Wednesday, the city had accepted 46 meter deposits for gas service. V. L. Beechum, department superintendent, said about 40 are receiving gas service.

Recreation Body Asks Civic Clubs To Accept Plant Expansion Tasks

The city parks and recreation commission assigned suggested projects to civic groups represented at a meeting at City Hall courtroom last Thursday night. The group asked the clubs to cooperate in improving the city's recreation facilities as follows: Kiwanis Club and Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M., — construct tennis courts. Senior and Junior Womens Clubs — provide playground equipment. Junior Chamber of Commerce — construct a miniature golf course. Lions Club — provide a Merry-Go-Round.

Mitchem Is Named To Clerk Position



CITY CLERK — Gene Mitchem, Kings Mountain native, was named city clerk by the board of commissioners on Monday, succeeding Joe R. Hendrick, resigned. Mr. Mitchem assumed his duties Tuesday.

Four Tapped By Honor Group

Four Kings Mountain High school students were tapped Friday for the school's National Honor Society.

The society, which dates back to 1937, bases the selection of students inducted on several factors including an "A" average on conduct and no lower than a "B" average on grades.

Students selected Friday were Joyce Owens, Joyce Dixon, Joyce Gladden, and Peggy Rippey.

Other members are Anita McGinnis, Dewitt Blanton, Christine Still and Martha Baker.

Dr. W. P. Gerberding, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, spoke on the ideals of the society, scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

Mrs. James Logan sang, "I Would Be True" to close the program.

Optimist Club — construct shuffleboard courts. Moose Lodge No. 1748 and American Legion Post No. 155 — complete construction of a Little League baseball field. Kings Mountain Garden Council — provide shrubbery and walks. The meeting was called by the Jaycee board of directors, which was present, and Jaycee President Wilson Griffin presided. Some 25 persons attended the meeting, including all members of the recreation commission except H. R. Neisler. Jack H. White, secretary of the

Board Amends Budget, Adding \$16,135 to Total

Gene Mitchem, Kings Mountain native recently released from active duty after three years service with the U. S. Coast Guard, was named city clerk Monday night at a special session of the board of commissioners.

Mr. Mitchem assumed the duties of the office on Tuesday morning and replaces Joe Hendrick, who has resigned. Mr. Hendrick will complete his duties on Monday.

Mr. Mitchem will receive a salary of \$325 monthly. In other actions, the commissioners amended the 1954-55 budget by a total of \$16,135.67, adding this amount to the estimated out-go for the fiscal year and raising the grand total to \$488,866.67. The money became available through refund to the general fund by the gas department of advances previously made.

The added total was earmarked as follows: \$745 for repair to filter plant roof; \$13,595.67 to the light and power department; \$1,795 for purchase of a police car. The action was taken on recommendation of City Clerk Hendrick, who noted that the power department has forthcoming extraordinary expenses in running lines to the two city swimming pools.

The board named S. A. Blanton acting superintendent of the water and sewer department. Mr. Blanton will assume temporarily the duties of Freland Tidwell, who is a patient at Black Mountain sanitarium.

In other actions the board: 1) Ordered a cost survey on opening of Mauney avenue, approved "when and if funds are available" by the Still administration in November 1952. Mayor Glee A. Bridges said D. C. Mauney, who originally requested the street opening, sought action.

2) Approved installation of a sewer line on the north end of Edgemont Drive, provided property owners pay the cost of the pipe. Mayor Bridges said the property owners had expressed willingness to pay for the pipe, and listed them as Jack White, Johnny Kerns, Clyde Kerns, C. E. Warlick and J. H. Arthur.

3) Approved an old petition for the paving of Baker street, provided sufficient right-of-way is furnished.

4) Referred to E. C. Nicholson for checking a request of Dr. W. L. Ramsour for opening of a portion of Gantt street. Dr. Ramsour had inquired of the city what easements were required to obtain opening of the street.

5) Took no action on installation of 400 feet of sewer line on Juniper street. Mr. Nicholson said two tap fees had been paid. The board indicated the installation would have to await completion of previously approved installations.

6) Instructed City Attorney J.

Mrs. Pressly Is National Essay Contest Winner

Mrs. W. L. Pressly has been notified by "The National Gardener," a publication of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., that she is first-place winner in a nation-wide essay contest.

Mrs. Pressly entered an article on the required subject "How Our Club Produced Our Most Interesting Horticultural Program," describing a trip of Kings Mountain Garden Club to view and inspect the camellia and azalea gardens of Mrs. Paul Kincaid, of Gastonia. The article is to appear in "The National Gardener" in the April-May issue.

The award is to be presented at the annual convention of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., in Chicago, Ill., in May. A prize of \$25 accompanies the award.

Mrs. Pressly, long active in gardening, is an accredited judge. She is the wife of Dr. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church.

Kiwanis To Hear Famed Jet Pilot

Col. W. W. Milliken, U. S. Air National Guard jet pilot who holds the speed record for a flight from Los Angeles to New York, will address the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club Thursday night.

Col. Milliken, who set the speed record on January 2, 1954, will speak on a program arranged by Paul Mauney.

Col. Milliken lives at Washington, D. C., and is a salesman for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. A fighter pilot in World War II, he was shot down and imprisoned before being released during the Allied advance.

Col. Milliken's record flight last year covered 2,445 miles and required only four hours, sixteen minutes, sixteen seconds, for an average speed of 591 miles per hour. He landed in New York with his fuel tanks virtually empty.

He is to fly to Charlotte Thursday from Washington in an F-86 Sabre Jet, he has informed Mr. Mauney.

New Building Begun By Gaults

Gault Brothers, Kings Mountain grocery and home appliance firm, began work Tuesday on a new building at 415 N. Piedmont ave., adjacent to their present location.

C. J. Gault, Jr., and Boyce Gault, operators of the firm since 1939, said they expect to occupy the new building which will house both a self-service grocery and appliance establishment, about May 10. Contracts were awarded last week to Melvin Wright and Hunter Ware, and excavation work was begun on Tuesday.

The building, of brick, concrete and steel, will be 65 x 75 feet. It will include a separate department for the appliance division. Four large plate glass windows on the front, latest type shelving, and displays, and floor space double the previous building will be features of the new plant, the officials noted.

The store will be heated by natural gas and will provide off-street parking for customers, being placed 75 feet back from the street.

Gault Brothers is franchised dealers for Philco, Bendix, Crosley, Universal, and Admiral home appliances.

City Tax Discount Period Extended

The North Carolina Senate passed and ratified into law last week House Bill 23, previously approved by the House of Representatives, to change the City of Kings Mountain's tax discount period.

Under the new law, introduced by Rep. B. T. Falls, Jr., at the city's request, Kings Mountain citizens can obtain the full two percent discount on annual tax bills provided they pay their tax discounts by August 31. Previously, the city bills had to be paid by June 30 to qualify for the full discount. The new law means that the city's tax discount policy will coincide with Cleveland County's.

Pearson Seeks Ward 2 Post; Mrs. Lynch Will Not Offer

Five Candidates Now Seek Office; No Contests Yet

Three members of the Bridges administration, Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Commissioners W. S. Fulton, Sr., and W. G. Grantham, filed candidacies for re-election Tuesday, and Tilman Pearson filed notice of candidacy Monday for Ward 2 commissioner.

All paid their filing fees, bringing to five the number of candidates seeking election to city positions in May. George W. White filed for Ward 4 commissioner last week. All seek different positions, which means that no contests yet exist for any of the six city positions to be filled.



Another official announcement came from Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, Ward 2 school trustee. Mrs. Lynch called the Herald to announce that she would not seek re-election in the May voting. Mrs. Lynch was elected to the school board for a six-year term in May 1949.

Mr. Fulton seeks re-election as Ward 1 commissioner, while Mr. Grantham seeks re-election as Ward 5 commissioner.

It had been generally anticipated that Mayor Bridges and Mr. Fulton would seek re-election, but Mr. Grantham had indicated he might not offer again. All three incumbents are seeking their second terms in the particular positions. Mayor Bridges, a hardware man, served as a commissioner several years ago and was for many years a member of the county board of commissioners. He is a member of First Baptist church.

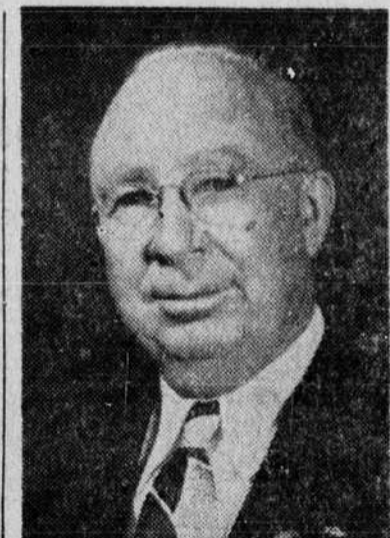
Mr. Pearson, who lives at 402 Parker street, is an employee of Craftspun Yarns, Inc. He is a member of First Wesleyan church and the Redmen, and seeks political office for the first time.

Mr. Fulton is a partner in Ware & Sons, feed manufacturers and wholesale grocers. He is an elder of Boyce Memorial ARP church and a Kiwanian.

Mr. Grantham is general manager of Victory Chevrolet Company. He attends the ARP church, also belongs to the Kiwanis club. The filing activity of the past week left unsought three positions to be filled in the May voting, including Ward 3 commissioner, and both Ward 2 and 3 school trustee positions. T. J. Elison, Ward 3 commissioner, has been mentioned as a candidate for mayor. Arnold W. Kincaid is the incumbent Ward 3 school trustee.

Harold J. Phillips, Ward 4 commissioner, confirmed this week that he will not seek re-election. He did not comment, however, on rumors that he will seek the mayoral spot.

Prospective candidates, if numerous, were not making their intentions public. One rumor listed C. P. Barry, Ward 4 commissioner in the Still administration, as a possible candidate for this position, and Hilton Ruth was receiving encouragement to offer for the Ward 2 school trustee spot being vacated by Mrs. Lynch.



SEEK RE-ELECTION — Mayor Glee A. Bridges, left, and W. S. Fulton, Sr., Ward 1 commissioner, filed notices of candidacy Tuesday for re-election. Also filing Tuesday was W. G. Grantham, Ward 5 commissioner. Tilman Pearson filed Monday for Ward 2 commissioner.



Fashion Show Set For Tuesday Night

Woman's Club Is Presenting Spring Showing

The Kings Mountain Woman's Club will present its 1955 Spring Fashion Show Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the Woman's club auditorium. Featuring a full line of ready-to-wear apparel for the whole family, the show is being sponsored by the Woman's club in cooperation with apparel merchants of the city.

Miss Ann Parrish, fashion editor of the Charlotte Observer, will be commentator for the show. Tickets are available at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children from any member of the Woman's club.

The Fletcher School of Dancing of Shelby will present an entertainment program during intermission. Mrs. Vernon Crosby and Mrs. John A. Cheshire, Jr., publicity co-chairmen, announced Wednesday.

Dor prizes are being donated by Kings Mountain business firms, and co-chairmen of the show are Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and Mrs. Hugh A. Logan, Jr.

Models for the event from Bell's Department store include Billy Mabray, Mrs. Luco Falls, Miss Diana Gamble, Miss Betty Tutor, Earle Marlowe, Tommy Gerberding, Linda Falls, and Beth Houser. From Myers' Department store, models include Mrs. C. C. Ramsey, of Bessemer City, Miss Jean Thomas, Mrs. Ed Dill, Mrs. Carl Mauney, Miss Betty Prince, Mrs. Ed Tutor, Mrs. C. A. McCarter, and Mrs. Johnny Kerns.

Connie Padgett, Mrs. Walter Harmon, Mrs. Charles Moss, Joan Dean, and Ann Cooper will model apparel from Reba's Dress Shop, and Miss Evelyn Carpenter, Miss Doris Stewart, Mrs. Tommy Owens, Miss Joan Thomason, Mrs. Gene Timms, Mrs. J. E. Anthony, Jr., Charles Yelton, and Danny Finger will model apparel from Plonk Brothers.



ELECTED — Rev. A. J. Argo has been named chairman of the Bible-in-the-Schools committee. He succeeds Rev. P. D. Patrick.

Schools Bible Body Names Argo

Rev. A. J. Argo, pastor of First Wesleyan Methodist church, was named chairman of the Bible-in-the-Schools committee last Friday, as ministers and lay leaders of majority of the city's churches met for a luncheon meeting at Central cafeteria.

Rev. Mr. Argo succeeds Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, who has headed the committee continuously since it was formed 15 years ago. Mr. Patrick has requested selection of a new chairman.

Others named with Mr. Argo were Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, Dr. D. F. Hord, J. B. Keeter, who will serve for the 16th year as finance chairman, and B. S. Neill.

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Assembly Changes "Warrant" Statute

Potential law-breakers, who have been enjoying a respite from arrest due to a quirk in the state's law pertaining to warrants, are being warned that the honeymoon is over.

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., noted this week that the General Assembly has revised the law to make it possible for an officer to arrest persons for misdemeanors without having previously obtained a warrant. The revised statute provides that an officer may arrest a person on "sight of the misdemeanor."

The ruling of the attorney general on the old statute required officers to obtain warrants before arresting persons for misdemeanors. Chief beneficiaries of the ruling were those about to be arrested for public drunkenness.

World Day of Prayer Observance Is Friday; Local Services Listed

Kings Mountain will observe World Day of Prayer Friday.

Two community-wide services are scheduled, one at Grace Methodist church at 10 a. m., the other at First Presbyterian church at 5:30 p. m. In addition, a service is planned for Negroes at St. Paul's Presbyterian church at 7 p. m.

Grover area citizens will observe World Day of Prayer with a community service at 7:30 at Shiloh Presbyterian church.

The Grace Methodist service, to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Sides, has been arranged to accommodate citizens who would be unable to attend

the 5:30 p. m. service.

Emphasis by the sponsoring Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen is on family attendance at the services. The First Presbyterian service will include an organ prelude by Thomas Eanes, Rev. P. L. Shore, Central Methodist pastor, will conduct a meditation and prayer period, and Mrs. James B. Simpson will serve as narrator for a film "Because Women Pray". Rev. P. D. Patrick will say the benediction.

Offerings to be taken at the services are used for a wide variety of charitable purposes.