

The population is from the U. S. Government census report for 1950. The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population gain since 1930 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7,000. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

Local News Bulletins

SOCIAL SECURITY

A representative of the Gastonia Social Security office will be at Kings Mountain City Hall to handle claims and other social security business beginning at 9:30 a. m. on the mornings of March 7 and March 21, it was announced by Joseph P. Walsh, manager.

WEST SCHOOL

The fifth grade of West school will present a program, "The Story of Our Country" based on the history book they are now studying, at the school auditorium Friday at 8 p. m. An offering will be taken to finance a field trip the group is planning in April.

ONE PERMIT

One building permit was issued this week by Building Inspector J. W. Webster. Monday, a permit was issued to N. E. Chapman to erect a house on Margaret street, at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

MASONIC MEETING

An emergent communication for work in the second degree will be held by Fairview Lodge A. F. & A. M. 339 on Saturday night at 7:30 at the Masonic Lodge, Secretary J. H. McDaniel, Jr., has announced.

TAG SALE

A total of 1072 city auto licenses for 1955 had been sold through Wednesday morning, according to Miss Grace Carpenter, city clerk's office. Fifty-two of the total had been sold this week, she said.

MOOSE MEETING

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

TAX PENALTY

Penalty on over-due 1954 city and county tax bills advanced to two percent, effective Wednesday. The penalty rate will advance at one-half of one percent henceforth until the accounts are paid, according to North Carolina statute, City Tax Supervisor C. E. Carpenter noted.

Directory Census Job Progressing

City directory census-taking was reported progressing satisfactorily Wednesday.

J. Neal Grissom, president of the Kings Mountain Optimist club, sponsor of the project to bring Kings Mountain a city directory for the first time, said the representatives of Southern Directory Company, of Asheville, report good progress on the listing of citizens for use in the directory.

Principal difficulty encountered thus far has been in listing of house numbers, Mr. Grissom said he was told. Some houses are not numbered at all, and others appear to have conflicting or incorrect numbers.

The census-taking job is expected to require a month at least, with publication expected to follow in about three months.

The Kings Mountain city directory will include five principal sections including a classified buyer's guide; a numerical telephone directory; a directory listing names, spouse's names, places of employment and addresses of all citizens age 17 and over; a classified business directory; and a street guide. The street guide will locate all streets of the city, also will note the number of residents in a particular dwelling, and whether the residence is home-owned.

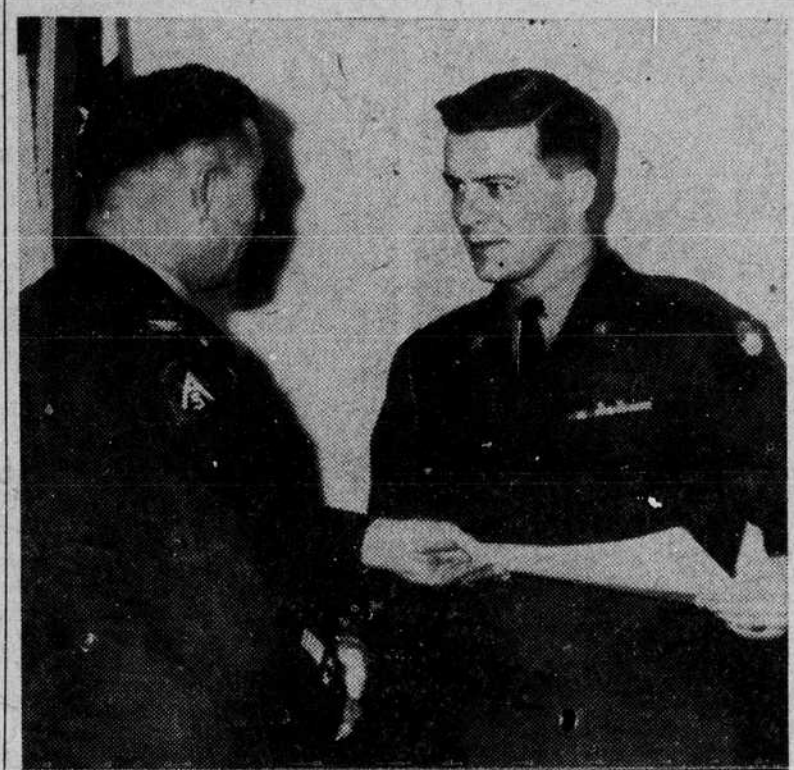
Publication of the directory was assured several weeks ago after members of the Optimist club and a representative of the directory company sold sufficient advertising in the directory to justify publication.

Gas Department Lists 50 Patrons

The city's Natural Gas department reported Wednesday it is serving 50 citizens with natural gas.

Supt. V. L. Beechum said a half-hundred citizens are now being serviced.

Patterson And Ellison Ask Re-Election Area Red Cross Fund Campaign Underway



1955 Campaign Minimum Goal Set At \$5220

Kings Mountain and Number 4 Township's 1955 Red Cross fund campaign — with a minimum goal of \$5,220 — was formally launched Tuesday morning on the traditional March 1 starting date.

Campaign workers met for a kick-off breakfast meeting at Kings Mountain Country Club, heard Chairman Henry Neisler announce his campaign committee chairman, and listened to a brief outline of Red Cross activities by Miss Actoinette Beasley, of Monroe, a regional Red Cross official.

Mr. Neisler predicted that the minimum goal would be reached, and voiced the hope that the goal would be exceeded.

He reported that B. S. Peeler, Jr., chairman of the advance gifts committee, had completed the major part of his work and that the special gifts quota of \$1200 was, already "over the top".

On Wednesday night, the Negro division, headed by Rev. R. L. Garvin and with a quota of \$400, was to hold a kick-off meeting at City Hall.

At the Tuesday morning meeting, Mr. Neisler noted that the Negro division was the only one to top its 1954 quota.

Other chairmen and quotas are:

Professional, Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr., \$400.

Schools, Rowell Lane, \$200.

Outlying business area, C. E. Moss, Jr., \$100.

Industrial employees, John Smathers, \$1200.

Business, J. L. McGill and Glee E. Bridges, \$1200.

Residential, Mrs. J. C. McKinney, \$800.

Grover, Bill Harry, \$400.

Rural - Bethware, Hall Goforth, \$200.

Mrs. McKinney said the residential solicitation will follow former patterns and listed individual block chairmen as follows: Mrs. O. P. Lewis, Mrs. John Cheshire, Mrs. Bun Goforth, Mrs. Sam Stallings, Mrs. N. H. Reed, Mrs. E. C. Martin, Mrs. W. L. Pressly, Mrs. J. E. Mauney, Mrs. A. J. Argo, Mrs. Carl Mayes, Mrs. Arnold Kiser, Mrs. Humes Houston, Mrs. B. N. Barnes, Mrs. C. T. Carpenter, Jr., and Mrs. Ralph Ware.

Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., is publicity chairman for the campaign. Miss Beasley outlined the many services of Red Cross as simply a series of "friendly, neighborly acts on a big community - wide and nation-wide scale".

She noted that Red Cross home service activities keep parents in contact with servicemen when emergencies arise, and said that value of blood donated to North Carolina patients through the Red Cross blood collection program last year would have a market value, if sold, of more than \$1,000,000.

Citing a personal example, Miss Beasley said she was assigned to the community of Shalotte, in Eastern North Carolina, after it was struck by the full force of Hurricane Hazel. Red Cross brought material aid in the form of food, shelter, clothing and equipment, plus hope to these victims of the now-famous Hurricane, Miss Beasley said.

Church Women Elect Officers

New officers of the Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen were elected Friday at the World Day of Prayer service at First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. J. B. Simpson was elected president, Mrs. James Rollins was named vice-president, Mrs. Jimmy Dickey was elected secretary, and Mrs. D. W. Blanton was named treasurer. Mrs. C. S. Plonk, Jr., is the new historian and Mrs. J. C. Bridges is publicity chairman.

Over 300 women attended the three services held during the day. An offering of \$61.28 was taken to be used for a wide variety of charitable purposes.



AMONG THE CANDIDATES — Pictured above are three candidates for city political office, subject to the May biennial election. Commissioners T. J. Ellison, left, and J. H. Patterson, right, filed notices of candidacy this week. George W. White, center, filed two weeks ago for the Ward 4 commissioner's position. Mr. Ellison seeks his fourth term as Ward 3 commissioner, while Mr. Patterson seeks re-election to a second term as Ward 2 commissioner.

Two Incumbents Add Their Names To May Ballot

J. H. Patterson, Ward 2 commissioner, and T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3 commissioner, announced this week they would seek re-election and deposited their filing fees with the city clerk.

It was the only filing activity of the week.

Filing by Mr. Ellison for re-election on Monday answered negatively the rumor voiced in some circles that he would oppose Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who is seeking re-election.

The announcement by Mr. Patterson, who is seeking his second term, was anticipated among political observers. All City Hall incumbents, with the exception of Harold Phillips, Ward 4 commissioner, are seeking re-election. Mr. Phillips has said he won't seek re-election, but continues to parry questions on whether he will seek the mayor's position.

Filing by Mr. Patterson creates the lone contest to date, Tilman Pearson having previously filed notice of candidacy for the Ward 2 post.

George W. White is seeking election to the Ward 4 spot now held by Mr. Phillips, and W. Sage Fulton, Sr., seeks re-election to the Ward 1 spot.

Still vacant are candidates for the two school board positions to be filled in ward voting in May. Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, Ward 2 trustee, announced last week she would not seek re-election, and Arnold W. Kincaid, Ward 3 trustee and board chairman, has not made known his intentions formally. School trustees are elected for six-year terms.

Rumors were sparse. Hilton Ruth, mentioned as a possible school trustee candidate, said he would not run "at least as I see it now". Another possible candidate being mentioned for the Ward 2 school position was B. S. Peeler, Jr.

Former Mayor Garland Still said Tuesday he was "undecided" about seeking political office again, and Former Mayor Tom Fulton was being variously quoted by citizens, some saying he will seek the mayor's spot, others saying he will not. Mr. Fulton himself had made no formal pronouncement.

Glenn White, one-time school board trustee, who resumed residence here last year, was quoted as saying that conversation projecting his candidacy is academic, since he did not resume residence here, after living in Gaffney, S. C., until last May 20, insufficient residency to meet citizenship requirements.

Incumbent Patterson, superintendent of Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, is a member of Central Methodist church and the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club.

Incumbent Ellison, who is seeking his fourth term as Ward 3 commissioner, is an East Kings Mountain grocer and a member of Grace Methodist church. He served on the board from 1947-51, was defeated in a close vote in 1951, and was again elected to the board in 1953.

Retailers Alter Easter Schedule

The Kings Mountain Merchants association board of directors voted a slight change in mid-week half-holiday policy at their Tuesday meeting.

Under the action, stores will remain open on the Wednesday afternoon prior to Easter and will close on the Wednesday afternoon following Easter, in spite of the Easter Monday holiday. Previous policy called for remaining open all day Wednesday in weeks containing full-day holidays. The directors voiced the opinion that the change would benefit the buying public.

Standing committees for the current year were named by President Sam Collins. They include: Trade promotion, Richard Barrette, chairman, Jonas Bridges, W. L. Plonk and Martin Harmon. Picnic committee, John H. Lewis, chairman, with remaining members to be named later.

Christmas opening committee, Fred Halthcox, chairman, Ross Alexander, Bill Jonas, and Hubert McGinnis.

Industrial committee, Martin Harmon, chairman, Bill Jonas and F. R. McCurdy.

The board voted to schedule semi-annual Dollar Days promotions for the months of August and February.

Footo Mineral Will Appeal Trial Examiner's Rulings

Jobless Claims 73 Percent Off From Year Ago

Unemployment compensation claims in Kings Mountain dropped 73 percent in February under the same month of 1954.

The claims drop, as reported by Franklin Ware, manager of the Kings Mountain branch of the state's Employment Security commission, reflects busy industrial schedules, which finds, virtually all types of industry working on full operating schedules.

For February 1954, Mr. Ware reported, 2,415 weeks of unemployment were claimed by covered employees in Kings Mountain. For the month just ended, Mr. Ware added, only 640 claims for unemployment compensation payments were filed, a drop of 1775 from 1954, and an average of 160 per week, compared to the February 1954 average of 602 per week.

Other figures in Mr. Ware's monthly report bore out the improving trend in Kings Mountain area employment which began last August.

The office processed 87 job orders and placed 75 persons in employment. Eleven of the 75 placements were veterans.

During February, the office registered 116 persons seeking jobs, more than the 75 of the comparable month in 1954.

Active file of job-seekers at the employment office was 369 for the month just ended. It totaled 450 in February 1954.

Commenting on the report, Mr. Ware said, "The textile industry of the Kings Mountain area remained at a high level of operations for the month of February. For this reason, quite a few inexperienced workers applied for employment and increased the active file with good potential talents. There is much less personnel turnover now than prior to 1954 in almost all industries."

Lt. Bridges Taking Two Weeks' Training

CHARLESTON, S. C. — Lieutenant Glee E. Bridges, USNR, of 707 Landing street, Kings Mountain, N. C., is on two weeks active training duty at Sixth Naval District Headquarters, U. S. Naval Base, Charleston, S. C.

Lt. Bridges, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, is a partner of Bridges Hardware. He is a member of USNR Electronics Division 6-17 in Shelby, N. C.

Married, he and his wife, Martha, have three children, Edward, Tom and Lynne.

Lt. Bridges is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bridges of Kings Mountain, N. C.

Chief Warns Drivers To Abide By Rules

Cooperation of all Kings Mountain motorists in observing the limited meter parking zones, no parking zones, and the proper parking of cars on the left side of the road is being asked by Police Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr.

New signs, as an added reminder to motorists denoting the limited parking times, have been erected this week at these zones, Chief Logan noted.

Chief Logan also warned motorists who do not cooperate to expect citations for these parking infractions.

Lions Sponsoring Dance Events

The Kings Mountain Lions club will sponsor two square dances at the Central school gymnasium on successive Saturday nights, it was announced this week by J. W. Webster and Charlie Moss, co-chairmen of the project.

The dances will be held on Saturday night, March 5, and Saturday night, March 12, from 7:30 p. m. to midnight.

Mr. Webster said that Saturday night's program will feature the music of Carroll Spencer and His Lonesome Valley Boys, plus a square dance demonstration by a half-dozen couples of the Cramerton square dance team, Walter Dixon, of the Cramerton team, will serve as caller.

Sam Weir will be in charge of concessions and tickets good for either night's event) are on sale at 50 cents per person.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. Webster, Mr. Moss, or J. C. McKinney at First National Bank as well as from other members of the Lions club.

Proceeds will go to the club's activities fund.

Walsh To Speak At Kiwanis Club's Annual Farmer's Night Thursday

Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold its annual Farmer's Night banquet Thursday night, with an address by Joseph P. Walsh, manager of the Gastonia area social security office, to feature the program.

Dr. Jacob P. Mauney, Kings Mountain veterinarian, is chairman of the Kiwanis club committee in charge of the event. He said 100 area farmers have been invited to attend the dinner and that the program was arranged due to particular interest among farmers in the new social security provisions which now apply to farmers, both for benefits and on covering their employees. Mr. Walsh's topic will be "Social Security As It Affects the Farmer".

Company Refutes Unfair Practice Charges Of Eadie

Footo Mineral Company will appeal to the National Labor Relations Board rulings of a trial examiner that the company and two employees have been guilty of unfair labor practices, J. E. Castle, general manager, said yesterday.

John H. Eadie, NLRB trial examiner who conducted hearings in Gastonia last November on charges by the CIO Steelworkers union that the company and its representatives were indulging in unfair labor practices, has ruled that the company erred in discharging Robert Martin, Blacksburg, S. C., bulldozer operator, and also that two mine foremen, Larry Day and Dathia Sanders, were guilty of unfair labor practices.

The trial examiner disallowed union charges that Manager Castle and Assistant Manager Ed Gorter were guilty of unfair practices.

The report of the trial examiner suggested that Martin be returned to work with pay retroactive to the date of discharge.

Under NLRB procedure, Mr. Castle said, the company has 21 days in which to comply with the rulings of the trial examiner or to appeal to the NLRB for a review of the case.

"We're innocent and this is merely Round 1," Mr. Castle said, in announcing that the rulings will be appealed. He said that Martin was discharged when he couldn't be located on the job for more than two hours.

The November 15-16 hearings conducted by Mr. Eadie grew out of efforts by the United Steelworkers of America to organize Footo Mineral Company employees into a Steelworker local. The employees voted by a large margin against the proposal to make the Steelworkers their bargaining agent.

METER RECEIPTS

Net meter receipts from city's parking meters for week ending Wednesday at noon were \$158.63, Miss Grace Carpenter, city clerk's office, reported.