

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 1950 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7800. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

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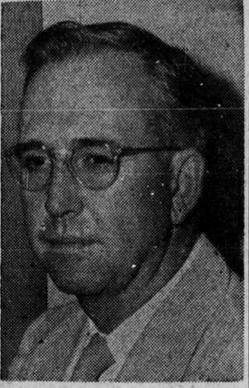
Wright, Pearson, And Hayes Seeking City Offices

Local News Bulletins

MASONIC MEETING
Regular communication of Fairview Lodge 339, A. F. & A. M., will be held at the Lodge Hall Monday evening at 7:30.
OPTIMIST CLUB
Regular meeting of the Optimist club will be held Thursday night at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club, Neal Grissom, the president, announced.
MOOSE LODGE
Regular meeting of Moose Lodge 1748 will be held Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road, it was announced.
METER RECEIPTS
Meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$171.80, it was reported by the city clerk's office.
TAG SALES
Sale of 1955 city license stickers through Wednesday totaled 1,094, it was reported Wednesday by Miss Grace Carpenter, of the city clerk's office.
PRESBYTERIAN
The Men's Bible class of First Presbyterian church will hold a supper at the church Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30 p. m., it was announced.
COURT OF HONOR
Regular monthly Court of Honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will convene at City Hall courtroom Thursday night at 7:30, according to announcement from council headquarters.
STATE AUDITOR
Henry L. Bridges, of Raleigh, state auditor, will speak at the Kiwanis club meeting at Masonic Hall on Thursday at 6:45 p. m. on a program arranged by Glee A. Bridges.
WEST SCHOOL
The West school P.T.A. will serve a baked ham supper at the school Wednesday from 6 o'clock until 7:30 p. m. Plates are one dollar for adults and 60 cents for children.
GAS DEPOSITS
The city utilities department listed 58 gas deposits and reported as many natural gas customers Wednesday. Supt. V. L. Beechum, of the gas department, said two more installations were scheduled for Thursday.
NEGRO RED CROSS
Members of the Negro Red Cross solicitation committee are to meet at City Hall Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p. m., to determine status of their annual appeal for funds. The group is the only one in the area to surpass its quota for two years straight.
BUYS BUSINESS
Willard B. Boyles has repurchased from Buford Ware the grocery he once operated in the Oak Grove community. He will again operate it under the name of Boyles Cash Grocery. Mr. Boyles and his wife, the former Miss Melba Watterson, recently returned to Kings Mountain from Clearwater, Fla.

Blue Law Matter Tabled By Board

March Session Of City Board Busy, Varied
Stump-hauling and sewer line problems vied with Sunday movie laws to permit Sabbath movies for top billing last Thursday night as the city commissioners conducted a busy monthly meeting.
The Sunday movie matter was disposed of quickly, as the board again tabled the request of Ed Tutor for amendment of Sunday blue laws to permit Sabbath movies. The tabling was with Mr. Tutor's agreement and occurred after Mr. Tutor had presented letters from Dunn and Whiteville officials stating Sunday movies had worked well in those two cities. Commissioner W. Sage Fulton stated his opposition to the request, noting that Gastonia and Shelby do not allow Sunday showings, and Commissioner Harold Phillips, also indicating opposition, remarked it probably should be settled by referendum. Mayor Glee A. Bridges suggested the tabling "for further checking".
Clavon Kelly inquired of the city's policy on removal of stumps and was told by Mayor Bridges that the city removed only those stumps left in road-opening. The mayor said the city removes stumps for citizens, on a cost basis, when city crews have the time.
G. L. McDaniel, Jr., and A. V. Yarboro asked the board for sewer line installations, but Bill Bennett complained he had "too much sewer". Mr. McDaniel asked for a sewer installation on to serve the 700-block of Landing street, and Mr. Yarboro asked for an installation on Juniper street (to Landing). Both requests were approved, but on a "when funds are available" basis. Mr. Bennett complained that the city, in its sewer system expansion now underway, had put a manhole, which he termed highly undesirable, in his backyard.
The board approved opening of Floyd street from York road to Falls street, a project sought by D. C. Mauney for several years and approved "when funds are available" by the Still administration. The go-ahead was ordered after pipe installation cost was estimated at \$300-\$400.
In other actions, the board:
1) Authorized purchase of additional public liability insurance to \$50,000/\$100,000 limits. The additional coverage, dictated by the city's natural gas system installation, will cost \$935.39 annually, in addition to the \$2,354.04 now being paid by the city for a \$25,000/\$50,000 policy. The insurance is handled by The Arthur Hay Agency.
2) Adopted a gas code ordinance governing installations. (For text see page 4, section 2.)
3) Tabled for cost estimates a request by Mrs. Angie Navy, Waco Rd. resident, for covering a large ditch in front of her home. Mrs. Navy objected to the city's stated policy of requiring her to bury a pipe.
4) Heard a request from I. M. Allen for water and gas service to a new motor court he is building on Shelby Highway. Mr. Allen said he would pay his share of the cost. The city provisionally approved the gas installation, subject to engineers' approval on
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HERE FRIDAY — Bill Dole, head football coach at Davidson College, will address Davidson College alumni at a stag dinner at Kings Mountain Country Club on Friday night. Coach Dole will outline 1955 prospects of the Davidson team.

Election Set For May 10th; Registrars Named

The city board of commissioners formally called the biennial city election for May 10 at its March meeting last Thursday.
The voting will be conducted from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. on that date.
Registration period will open on Saturday, April 16, with the registrars to be at five ward polling places on four successive Saturdays, ending May 7, with the final Saturday also designated as Challenge Day.
The voters will choose a mayor and five ward commissioners for two-year terms in city-wide voting, while citizens of Wards 2 and 3 will choose school trustees for six-year terms in ward voting alone.
The board has designated the following election officials:
Ward 1 at City Hall fire station, C. L. Black, registrar.
Ward 2 at City Hall courtroom, Mrs. H. R. Parton, registrar.
Ward 3 at Phenix Store, Mrs. Ruth Bowers, registrar.
Ward 4 at Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom, C. P. Goforth, registrar.
Ward 5 at Victory Chevrolet Company, Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., registrar, and Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., and Mrs. Charlie Ballard, judges.
Other judges are being obtained. City Clerk Gene Mitcham said Wednesday. The board appointed all previous city election officials at the meeting last Thursday night, but several vacancies exist due to deaths, removals from the city, and declinations to serve, Mr. Mitcham said.



CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICES — Pictured are three candidates for city political offices at the May 10 voting, all of whom filed notices of candidacy in the past week. Baxter T. Wright, Sr., left, and Olland R. Pearson, center, are running for



mayor, while O. T. Hayes, Sr., right, seeks election as Ward 4 commissioner. Mayor Glee A. Bridges has previously filed for re-election and George W. White also seeks the Ward 4 position.



Two candidates, Olland R. Pearson and Baxter T. Wright, Sr., filed notice of candidacy for mayor this week, and O. T. Hayes, Sr., filed notice of candidacy for the position of Ward 4 commissioner. A fourth candidate, J. Neal Grissom, filed Wednesday morning for Ward 5 commissioner, but told the Herald early Wednesday afternoon that he was withdrawing due to objections to his candidacy from his employer, J. Ollie Harris. Mr. Grissom had not formally withdrawn at 3:30 p. m., City Clerk Gene Mitcham said.

Grissom Files For Ward Post But Withdraws

Entrance of Candidates Pearson, Wright, and Hayes, all veterans of the city political arena, assured contests for both the mayoral and Ward 4 positions. Mayor Glee A. Bridges is seeking re-election and George W. White has filed for Ward 4 commissioner.
Tilman Pearson is opposing incumbent Commissioner J. H. Patterson for Ward 2 commissioner. Otherwise, Ward 1 Commissioner W. Sage Fulton, Sr., Ward 3 Commissioner T. J. Ellison, and Ward 5 Commissioner W. G. Grantham, all seeking re-election, have no opponents, nor has any candidate filed for the two school board positions, in Wards 2 and 3, which are to be filled in May.
A few new rumors were being circulated in political conversations. Arthur Barrett and Harry E. Page, were being mentioned as possible candidates for Ward 5 commissioner, and the name of W. S. Fulton, Jr., was being advanced for the Ward 2 school board place being vacated by Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch. Also mentioned for the Ward 2 school position are Hilton Ruth and B. S. Peeler, Jr. Mr. Ruth "doubted" he would be a candidate, saying the "gate is latched, if not locked".
Both Mr. Wright and Mr. Pearson issued statements in announcing their candidacy for mayor.
Mr. Wright said, "To the Citizens of Kings Mountain, I am asking you for your support and vote in making me your full-time mayor. With two years experience as a city commissioner, I know the need for a mayor to be on the job at all times. In the interest of the taxpayers, I promise you that, if elected, I will see what, and how, every dollar of your money is spent. I know with close observation and right planning that I can save the City of Kings Mountain much money. I am not asking to be Mayor of Kings Mountain for any selfish motive, nor to be Mayor for a few people. I want to be Mayor for every citizen of Kings Mountain, from the smallest taxpayer to the largest.
"I have an open mind and, if I am elected, the door of the City Hall will be open at all times to any citizen who has a plan or recommendation for the betterment of the community. I would welcome advice and constructive criticism.
"Should I become your Mayor, I will strive to the utmost to do you a good job."
Mr. Wright is owner of Sanitary Barber Shop, is a Lion and a member of First Baptist church. He served as Ward 5 commissioner 1951-53.
Mr. Pearson, also a commissioner (Ward 3) from 1951-53, issued the following statement:
"I believe in honest government and want everyone to know
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Wreck Injuries Fatal To Gurley

Investigation to determine the cause of the accident Saturday night on Bessemer City highway which resulted in the death of Thomas Daniel Gurley, 17, of Cherryville, was being conducted Wednesday by State Highway Patrolman P. H. Hemphill, of Gastonia.
Gurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniel Gurley, Jr., of 200 W. Ballard street, Cherryville, died at Kings Mountain hospital Monday night around 7 o'clock from a severe brain concussion and hemorrhages sustained in the accident.
Sylvia Stacy, 14, of route 1, Bessemer City, a passenger in the car, is in Kings Mountain hospital in a critical condition suffering from a collapsed left lung and nine broken ribs.
Patrolman Hemphill said investigation indicates the accident occurred when Gurley, driving a 1946 Plymouth toward Bessemer City, lost control of the car, which veered to the left of the road and overturned across the road from the Moose Lodge.
The patrolman was still investigating statements by the Stacy girl that Gurley was chasing a car which had side-swiped him and had failed to stop. The Stacy girl told Hemphill that the Gurley car had been hit by a two-tone green car bearing a white license with black numerals. She estimated the speed of the Gurley car when the accident occurred at 50-55 miles per hour.
Patrolman Hemphill requests any information on the accident to be forwarded to him at the Dallas highway patrol office.
Funeral services for the Cherryville High school student were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. John's Lutheran church, Cherryville. Rites were conducted by the Rev. Leroy Trexler and the Rev. George Riddle, and burial was in Cherryville City cemetery.
The youth was active in club affairs at Cherryville High school and was recently named class valedictorian. He was a member of the Luther League and St. John's Lutheran church, Cherryville, where he sang in the choir. Survivors include his parents and one brother, Donnie Gurley, of the home.

Erskine Group To Sing Here Sunday Morning

The Erskine College Choralists, directed by Arthur Tennent, will present a program of sacred music at 11 o'clock services Sunday morning at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church.
Miss Harriet Smith is organist for the college singers, who make annual visits here.
The program will include: "O Lord, Thou Hast Formed My Every Part (Psalm 123)", "My Shepherd Will Supply My Every Need (Psalm 23)", "The Lord Reigneth (Psalm 93)", "The Houndred Psalm", in addition to several solos and group numbers.
Anne Macfie will sing "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings (Psalm 84)"; Frances Gettys, Anne Macfie, Frank Sellers and Calvin Grier will be soloists in "He Shall Come Down Like the Rain (Psalm 72)"; Miss Macfie and Julia Smith will be soloists in "The King of Love My Shepherd is (paraphrase of Psalm 23)".
Members of the Choralists are: Phyllis Estes, Frances Gettys, Betty Robinson, Julia Smith, Shirley Strickland, and Dot Willis, sopranos; Barbara Clinkscales, Anne Macfie, Ann McCarver, Belle Spivey and Louise Osborne, altos; Jon Brawley, Frank Sellers, David Strook and Glenn Whiteside, tenors; Jimmy Biggers, Harry Edwards, Calvin Grier, Marshall Parker, basses.

Country Club Meeting Tuesday

Stockholders of Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., will hold their annual supper meeting at the club Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, according to notice recently mailed to members.
The stockholders will elect 12 directors for the coming year, receive reports from officers and committee chairmen, and conduct other business which may come before the group.
President George H. Houser will preside and reports will be given by J. C. Smathers, secretary - treasurer, J. A. Neisler, greens committee chairman, Henry Neisler, social committee chairman, D. M. Feeler, membership committee chairman, and George H. Mauney, house committee chairman.
C. D. Blanton, chairman will give the nominating committee report. Other members on the nominating committee are M. A. Ware and Fred W. Plonk.
Following the Tuesday night meeting, the incoming board of directors will organize at a luncheon meeting Wednesday.

Visitor Problem Taxes Hospital

With Kings Mountain hospital bed capacity over-taxed, officials asked this week that families and friends of patients devote particular attention to visiting rules, which are:
1) No more than two visitors for any patient at one time.
2) No visitations except during regular visiting hours.
Grady Howard, business manager, said the hospital was filled to 99 percent capacity in January and 125 percent in February. The added load has further complicated the visiting problem, Mr. Howard said. Consideration is being given to installation of a card system on visiting, he added.

Lions Sponsoring Saturday Dance

Kings Mountain Lions club will present the second of two square dances at the Central school gymnasium Saturday night, beginning at 7:30.
A large crowd attended the first dance of the series last Saturday night. Members of the Cramer Square Dance team will again be on hand to demonstrate the art and to call the dances.
Charlie Moss and J. W. Webster are co-chairmen of the project and Sam Weir is handling concessions. Admission will be 50 cents per person.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Fine Arts Department of the Woman's club will serve a turkey and ham dinner at the Woman's club Sunday beginning at 12 noon. Plates are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for children. Tickets are available from Mrs. Jacob Cooper (phone 310) or at the door.

Area Citizens Accept \$50,000 Goal In Gardner-Webb Expansion Plan

A half-hundred citizens from Kings Mountain and neighboring Bessemer City accepted a three-year \$50,000 goal for building a new faculty building at Gardner-Webb college at a breakfast meeting at Masonic Dining Hall Tuesday morning.
The faculty building is a portion of a \$937,000 plant expansion program envisioned for the large Baptist junior college at Boiling Springs, which now has its peak enrollment of 411.
The group was inter-denominational.
Dr. H.H. Stembbridge presided over the meeting, arranged by Arnold W. Kincaid, of Kings Mountain, a Gardner-Webb trustee, and by Rev. S. M. Hughes, also of Kings Mountain, who is assisting with night classes at the college.
The expansion program envisions building of a physical education building, dormitory facilities for 100 additional women and 50 more men students, a classroom - administration building, science building, outdoor theatre, and children's playground, in addition to the facul-

Dole To Outline Wildcat Outlook

DAVIDSON — William E. Dole, football coach at Davidson College, will tell of the gridiron prospects for 1955 at the meeting of the Davidson alumni in the Kings Mountain area Friday night at the Kings Mountain Country Club. The stag dinner meeting will begin at 6:45 o'clock.
Toastmaster will be Rev. P. D. Patrick. Also invited are the fathers of students now at Davidson, members of the Wildcat club, and friends of Davidson in the Kings Mountain area. An added feature of the program will be the showing of football movies.
Those who have not yet made reservations are requested to contact Charles A. Neisler.

Eanes To Give Organ Recital

Thomas Eanes, minister of music at First Presbyterian church, will present an organ recital at the church Sunday afternoon at 5 p. m.
The recital will be played on the new organ installed at the church in January, and the program will consist of music not usually used for religious services, but taken from the recital repertoire.
Sunday's program will be Mr. Eanes' first recital here since he joined the church staff in September. Before coming to Kings Mountain, he played recitals and was accompanist to recitalists for the Community Concerts association and Civic Music, Inc. He also taught piano and spent six seasons as coach and assistant conductor of the opera company, Chautauqua, New York.
Mr. Eanes is a graduate of Furman Univ., Greenville, S. C., and while in the Navy, attended the chaplain's school at William and Mary college, Virginia. He studied one summer at Union Seminary School of Sacred Music, New York.

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Bell And Union Still Not Agreed

Contract talks between Southern Bell Telephone Company and the Communications Workers of America are continuing, as the company has offered new contract proposals seeking to avert a threatened strike when the present contract expires Sunday at midnight.
The company has offered additional pay increases, Floyd Farries, Kings Mountain manager said, but still seeks a "no-strike" pledge from the union.
Should the strike occur, he added, Southern Bell will seek to maintain service with supervisory employees manning the switchboards.

Virginia Summers Is AIB Graduate

Miss Virginia Summers, assistant cashier of Charlotte's Union National Bank, was among eight Charlotte bank officials receiving graduate Banking certificates last Saturday night from the American Institute of Banking.
The presentations were made at the 34th annual banquet of the Charlotte AIB chapter at Hotel Charlotte.
The certificate certifies that the recipient has completed all courses in banking required by the AIB.
Miss Summers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Summers, of Kings Mountain.

Postoffice Deluged With Mail Monday

Kings Mountain postoffice handled a record March mail jam-up on Monday, Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir reports.
Three ton-trucks rolled into the postoffice around 6 a. m. Monday with Kings Mountain's "catch-up" from the delays caused by a slowdown and eventual strike on the Southern Railway last week.
The shipment consisted of 91 full mail sacks, and much parcel post too large for bags. Mr. Weir estimated the total to exceed 125 sacks. Some employees reported, "It looked like Christmas."
Full pick-up truck loads were delivered to three Kings Mountain firms, he said. The postoffice was cleared of all incoming mail on schedule.

Hospital Addition Bids \$191,019; Hoke Low On Electrical Contract

Cleveland County hospital trustees awarded contracts to low bidders on additions to Kings Mountain and Shelby hospitals Tuesday.
Low bids on the 14-bed Kings Mountain addition totaled \$191,019.
L. A. Hoke, Kings Mountain electrical contractor, was low bidder, at \$18,965, on the electrical contract, but the award was provisional, pending ruling of the attorney - general on approval. Only two firms filed electrical bids. The statutes specify three.
State Medical Care commission officials present regarded the ruling as a mere formality, according to Business Manager Grady Howard.

Hampton Badly Hurt In Wreck

Claude Hampton, 34, of 810 Church street, was reported as in a satisfactory condition at Kings Mountain hospital Wednesday afternoon as the result of an accident on U. S. 29 in Grover Tuesday night.
Hampton suffered severe head and chest injuries, Dr. J. C. McGill reported.
Patrolman C. D. Fortune reported that the accident occurred at 11 p. m. Tuesday just inside the state line. He said Hampton was riding alone in a 1950 Ford, traveling north, when the vehicle left the road on the wrong side, ran about 400 feet in a ditch before hitting a road sign, recrossed the road and sailed 60 feet in the air over an embankment before coming to rest on its nose.