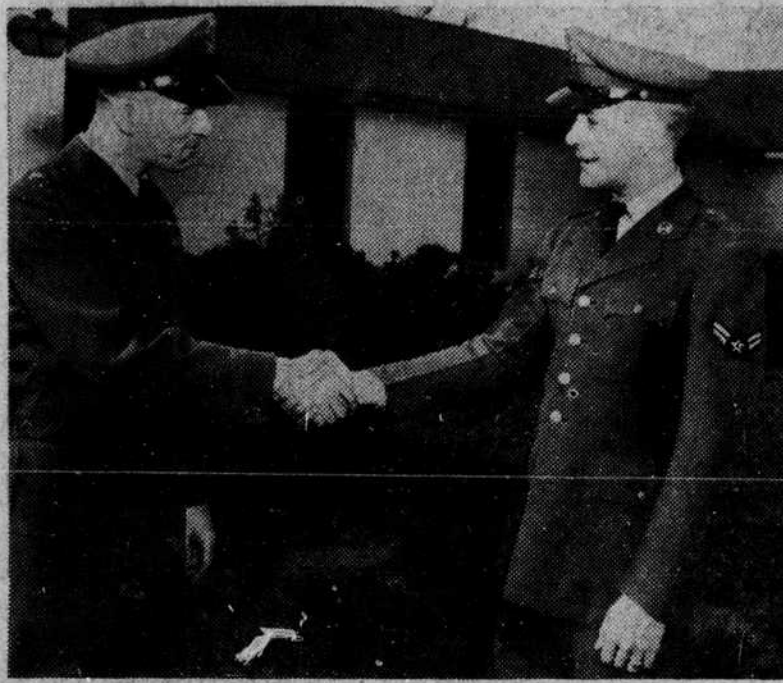


City Limits ..... 7,206  
The population is from the U. S. Government census report for 1950. The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population gain since 1950 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7,900. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

## Ward System In School Voting May Be Scrapped



KINGS MOUNTAIN MAN ACADEMY APPOINTEE—Shown above is A/C Robert E. Martin, right, being congratulated by First Lieutenant Richard Baker for having received an alternate appointment as USMA Cadet Candidate to West Point Military Academy.

### Local News Bulletins

#### DISCHARGED

George Thomasson, local attorney, was discharged from Kings Mountain hospital Wednesday after receiving treatment for several days.

#### AT CONVENTION

Flem Mauney, Donna Cheatham, and Christine Still represented Central high school at a National Honor Convention in session April 15-16 in Wilmington.

#### ON HONOR ROLL

Sherill Spears, freshman at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, was listed on the college honor roll for the past semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Goldman Spears.

#### LIONS MEETING

Regular Lions meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic hall. Dr. P. G. Padgett will report on his recent trip to California.

#### HOSPITALIZED

Hunter Neisler is a patient at Charlotte Memorial hospital where he is receiving treatment for a knee ailment. Mr. Neisler entered the hospital Saturday.

#### KIWANIS MEETING

Members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold their regular weekly meeting at Masonic Dining Hall Thursday evening at 6:45 p. m. Dr. Hans G. Heymann, professor at Lenoir-Rhyne college, and originally from Germany, will be guest speaker of the evening.

#### ATTENDED MEETING

Ben Moomaw, superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park returned Friday after attending a meeting in Saint Augustine, Fla., to formulate plans for a new training course to be given rangers, naturalists, and historians. Mr. Moomaw was one of twenty park officials attending the meeting.

### Registering Brisk On Opening Day

City election registrars will be at the polling places again on Saturday to accept registrations for the May 10 city and school board elections.

Several registrars reported brisk "business" on the opening day last Saturday, considering the fact that no new registration has been called. Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., in Ward 5, put the names of 18 new voters on the books and handled four transfers. C. L. Black, in Ward 1, said he had a busy day but did not report the totals.

Citizens who wish to vote must be registered in the Ward in which they reside.

The several ward polling places are: Wards 1 and 2, City Hall; Ward 3, Phenix Store; Ward 4, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company clubroom; Ward 5, Victory Chevrolet Company.

### School Board Re-elects Barnes For Two Years

B. N. Barnes, veteran Kings Mountain schools superintendent, was re-elected unanimously to another two-year term by school trustees at their regular monthly meeting Monday night.

The board deferred action on re-election of principals and faculty members at suggestion of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In other actions the board:

1) Granted a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year to Miss Gussie Huffstetler, who has been ill for several months, and appointed Joe Lee Woodward, who has been substituting for Miss Huffstetler as interim teacher.

2) Authorized holding of a summer school if demand for summer instruction is sufficient.

3) Authorized payment, per contract, of \$2,000 to T. W. Cothran, architect, representing one percent of the estimated construction cost of the proposed North elementary school. Mr. Cothran had reported to the superintendent that final specifications for the new plant are being prepared.

4) Took no further action toward obtaining five acres of property adjoining East school from Consolidated Textiles, Inc. The board has offered Consolidated \$500 per acre for the property, which it seeks for playground area. Trustee J. R. Davis reportedly had conferred with a Consolidated official on the proposal and suggested further action be deferred until further conferences are held.

Granted use of Central gymnasium to the city recreation commission for its summer program.

### Cancer Canvass Friday Night

The Junior Woman's club will conduct a house-to-house canvass Friday night to solicit funds for the 1955 cancer drive now underway in Kings Mountain.

Goal of the campaign, a project of Kings Mountain Woman's club, is \$1,000. Both the Senior and Junior clubs will conduct a canvass with members of the Junior club to meet at the Woman's club at 7 p. m.

Mrs. Jacob P. Mauney is chairman of the fund drive.

In a statement this week, Mrs. Mauney pointed to the recent success of research scientists in finding a preventive vaccine for infantile paralysis.

"Science can do the same thing for cancer, as it has done for infantile paralysis," Mrs. Mauney said. "Funds are required to keep the research work going full speed ahead. Already, techniques for the early detection of cancer — regarded as most important in its cure — have been developed. Kings Mountain's part in this nation-wide effort has been listed at \$1,000 for 1955, a small sum to pay for the potential benefits to every man, woman and child."

#### 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.

### Air Force Orders Lane To Duty; Dr. Nolan To Join Hendricks Soon



REPORTS SUNDAY — Dr. James M. Lane will report for active duty Sunday with the air force medical corps. For the past ten months he has been associated with Dr. Paul E. Hendricks in the practice of medicine.

Dr. James M. Lane, for the past ten months associated with Dr. Paul E. Hendricks in the general practice of medicine, has been ordered to report for active duty with the Air Force medical corps on Sunday.

Concurrently with the announcement of Dr. Lane's receipt of orders for active duty, Dr. Hendricks announced that Dr. Paul Nolan, currently completing a four-year tour of active duty as an Air Force flight surgeon, will become associated with him by replacing Dr. Lane, about July 15.

Dr. Nolan received the degree of medical doctor from University of Maryland Medical school in 1948, after attending Mars Hill college, the University of North Carolina and UNC medical school, where he was graduated with a certificate in medicine. He interned at Tampa, Fla., municipal hospital, then practiced medicine for almost two years at Lawndale. He is the son of A. V. Nolan of Shelby. Currently he holds a captain's commission in the Air Force.

## Three More Candidates File

### Contests Exist For All Posts At City Hall

Three more citizens became candidates for city offices during the past week, assuring contests for all City Hall elective offices.

The new candidates are Ralph R. Carrigan and Luther Bennett, both of whom seek to unseat Incumbent T. J. (Tommy) Ellison as Ward 3 commissioner, and R. Coleman Stroupe, who opposes Incumbent W. G. Grantham, Ward 5 commissioner.

No contests exist for Ward II and III school board trusteeships. Deadline for filing notice of candidacy for elective offices at the May 10 voting is May 4 at 4:30 p. m.

Mr. Carrigan, who filed Monday, is a former city policeman, and now manager of Ballard's Grocery. A native of Gastonia, he has lived in Kings Mountain for the past 12 years. He attends Grace Methodist church. He and his wife reside at 504 Lynn street.

Mr. Carrigan noted that, if elected, he would see that any citizen's problem is brought to the board's attention.

Mr. Bennett, a Burlington Mills shipping clerk, who also sells fire and casualty insurance, lives with his wife and two children at 801 Linwood Drive. Born and reared in Kings Mountain, Mr. Bennett is a member of Grace Methodist church, and a veteran of World War II. He served 26 months in the army medical corps. Mr. Bennett said he is interested in street improvements and a broader city recreation program.

Mr. Stroupe is owner of Stroupe's Barber Shop on N. Piedmont avenue. A native of Cherryville, he has been a citizen of Kings Mountain for 24 years. He is a member and steward of First Wesleyan Methodist church. He is married and the father of two children. Mr. Stroupe said he would seek office on a promise of a "square deal" to all.

This week's added candidates brings to 19 the number of citizens seeking the eight offices to be filled by the voters on May 10.

There was a noticeable quickening of political activity on the part of candidates and their supporters.

### Friday Is Day For Salk "Shots"

First and second grade children of Kings Mountain city schools and Park Grace school will receive Friday the first of three Salk vaccine "shots."

Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Cleveland County health officer, said Tuesday morning vaccine now seems to be on hand and needed for the children whose parents asked for the inoculations last month. Parents who now wish the vaccine to be administered to their children should have "consent" letters at the child's individual school Friday. If possible, he continued, the vaccine will be administered then.

The vaccine will be given by Kings Mountain doctors in co-operation with Dr. Mitchell. The second dose is to follow the first in two to four weeks, while the third dose is to be administered six to seven months after the second.

Meantime, there was no adequate information on when Salk vaccine will be available to the public. C. D. Blanton, Kings Mountain druggist and a vice-president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association, said he had contacted several manufacturers' salesmen and they had no information on when shipments would be received by druggists and doctors for prescription use. Parke Davis Company's representative, Mr. Blanton said, told him that first supplies would go direct to doctors.



CANDIDATES — Among candidates for city political offices are the three men pictured above. At top is Ralph R. Carrigan and at center is Luther Bennett, both of whom seek the office of Ward 3 commissioner. Below is Clarence G. Myers, who seeks the office of Ward 2 commissioner.

### C. E. Carpenter Is Very Ill

Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, remains in a critical condition at Charlotte Memorial hospital although showing marked improvement Tuesday night.

Mr. Carpenter underwent major surgery on April 13 and was apparently recovering satisfactorily until Saturday when he was placed on the critical list. He began evidencing improvement Monday night.

He was hospitalized on March 29 at Kings Mountain hospital and was transferred to Charlotte on April 11.

Mr. Carpenter is not allowed visitors.

### Bethware Finals Exercises Set

Commencement exercises at Bethware high school will be held on May 18. It was announced this week by John H. Rudisill, principal.

Rev. R. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will give the commencement address to the graduating class of 25.

The annual baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on Sunday night, May 13, by Rev. Hoyle Alexander, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church. Mr. Rudisill announced that the class valedictorian is Miss Frances Daves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Daves, and the salutatorian is Miss Lois Gamble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gamble.

## City Curfew Law Ruled Not Legal

### McMullan Holds State Statute Pre-requisite

A city curfew ordinance is not legal without specific authority granted by the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina attorney general has informed City Attorney J. R. Davis.

Mr. Davis had asked the attorney general for an opinion on the legality of a proposed ordinance requiring children under 16 to be off the streets by 10 p. m., unless accompanied by parent or guardian.

The ordinance was adopted on March 30, but was ruled without effect by Mr. Davis, since the city

**Houser Against Curfews**  
E. A. Houser, clerk of Cleveland Superior Court, called the Herald last weekend to comment the Herald on its position expressed in the editorial "No Curfews, Please". Mr. Houser is ex officio judge of juvenile court.

board action did not include penalty provision or effective date. Mr. Davis, in turn, suggested the legality check.

The original action was taken by 3-0 vote on suggestion of Mayor Glee A. Bridges, who noted that the chief of police had indicated he felt such an ordinance would help the police department in its efforts to halt break-ins by juvenile offenders.

The letter to Mr. Davis, under date of April 15, reads:

"You inquire if the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of Kings Mountain can adopt a curfew ordinance for the purpose of keeping all children under the ages of 16 off the streets at night after ten o'clock unless accompanied by their parents.

"On August 24, 1953, we wrote to Mr. Herbert Peele, editor of the Daily Advance, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, that we did not think the municipal authorities had a right to enact an ordinance prohibiting persons under a specific age from being on the streets after a specified hour of the night. We pointed out that there is no provision in the North Carolina statutes which gives to a municipality the specific authority to adopt a curfew ordinance. We further pointed out that McQUILLIN, MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, Second Edition, Volume 2, Paragraph 791 reviewed the whole situation in the United States, which concludes that unless there is a specific grant of authority such a curfew ordinance is not valid. To the same effect, see CORPUS JURIS, Volume 44, Paragraph 420."

#### WOMAN'S CLUB

The Welfare and International Relations Department of the Woman's club will serve dinner at the Woman's club Sunday immediately following church services, it has been announced. Tickets are \$1.25 and 75 cents.

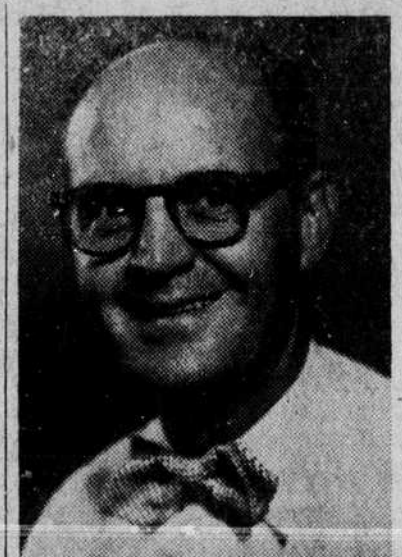
### Fayetteville Man, Douglas Salley, Named City Recreation Director

Douglas Salley, 28, of Fayetteville, has been employed as full-time city recreation director, and will assume his duties on or before May 1.

Fred W. Plonk, of the city recreation commission, said the commission interviewed and employed Mr. Salley, who has been an assistant director at Fayetteville for the past five years, during the past weekend.

He said Mr. Salley had been highly recommended by his superiors in Fayetteville and by other persons in other communities familiar with his work.

Mr. Salley will receive a salary



RESIGNS POST — John Latham has resigned his position as a member of the city recreation commission. Mr. Latham moved outside the city limits Tuesday.

### Latham Resigns Recreation Post

John Latham, member of the city recreation commission, tendered his resignation to the board of city commissioners in a letter to Mayor Glee A. Bridges Tuesday.

Mr. Latham moved outside the city limits on Tuesday to the residence on Waco Road owned by J. E. Herndon. The Lathams had resided at 502 Crescent Hill road.

Mr. Latham said he felt that residence outside the city would disqualify him for service on the commission and also gave the pressure of his duties as superintendent of Burlington Mills plant here as another reason for his resigning.

Mr. Latham was appointed to the board for a three-year term on December 3, 1953, when the Bridges administration re-organized the board after passing a resolution to cut the one-time ten-member body to six members. At the time, the city board appointed only five members, and has never filled the vacancy. The one-year term of Fred W. Plonk expired last December, but Mr. Plonk agreed to serve on the commission until present swimming pool construction is completed.

Other members of the recreation commission and years their terms expire are: Hunter R. Neisler, 1955; W. K. Mauney, Jr., 1955; and Jack White, 1956.

#### "TIME TO GO"

A 27-minute sound film entitled "Time to Go," a public information film prepared by selective service, is available to high school groups and civic organizations through the Cleveland County selective service board. Mrs. Clara Newman said this week. The film is designed to air high schoolers approaching draft age, she said.

### Board Approves Change Proposal Of Mrs. Lynch

Plans to scrap the ward system of electing Kings Mountain school district trustees in favor of at-large elections were approved by the school board in regular monthly meeting at Central school Monday night.

The board voted unanimously to present a resolution to the General Assembly calling for at-large elections of school trustees beginning at the regular biennial city elections in 1957. The resolution has not been forwarded to the county's legislative delegation. Trustee J. R. Davis said Wednesday, with the board awaiting reaction from district voters.

The motion to petition the General Assembly for an act to amend the city's charter to provide at-large school trustee elections was made by Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, vice-chairman of the board.

The proposed bill, as drawn by Attorney Davis, would abolish the ward system as far as it affects the school board. The proposed system would be operative for the first time in 1957 and would provide that all voters in the school district elect all trustees and that any voter in the district shall have the right to be a candidate. The act would retain the present six-year staggered terms for five members. It would also provide for elections at the same time as biennial city elections and the city's current run-off election laws would also apply.

Mrs. Lynch told the board of her work in the past two months in connection with the proposed change. The idea began, she said, at a meeting of a small group of interested mothers at City Hall on March 21. The group went on record as voicing a desire to have the right to select trustees for the school board at-large, she reported.

Mrs. Lynch also reported correspondence with the Institute of Government, the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The agencies reported an overwhelming percentage of cities elect trustees at-large and only a few, some eight cities in North Carolina, use the ward system.

Dr. P. G. Padgett, Ward 4 trustee, said at Monday's meeting that he had given serious thinking based on information received from Mrs. Lynch in answer to inquiries she had made concerning the best method of election and selection of school board members and that he felt the board should make an effort to get the system in Kings Mountain changed to a city-wide method. Mrs. Lynch informed the board she had written the state superintendent and the local government commission asking for information concerning the best method of selection and election of school board members. She presented letters from Dr. G. B. Phillips, executive secretary of the North Carolina School Board Association and State Superintendent C. F. Carroll showing that a relatively small percentage of city school systems use the ward system and suggesting that the system would be greatly improved in Kings Mountain by the elimination of the ward system.

Mr. Phillips wrote, "A review of the status of selection of the boards of education for 74 cities in North Carolina shows that of the 33 cities which elected by popular vote, 29 elected members from the district at large. Only four elected members on the basis of wards. Of the 41 units in which boards are appointed by other agencies, 37 are appointed by wards. Only four are appointed by wards. This means that of the entire 74 cities, only eight cities follow the ward plan." He explained that at the national level 88.2 percent of all cities regardless of size elected or appointed at-large while only 10.8

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### Herald Ad Deadline 2 p. m. Tuesdays

Attention of political candidates is called to the Herald's advertising deadline of 2 p. m. Tuesdays.

Advertising copy must be in the hands of the Herald advertising staff by 2 p. m. on Tuesday if it is to appear in the subsequent Thursday edition.

Persons placing advertising copy should place their copy as far in advance of the deadline as possible.