

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 7600. The trading area population in 1945, based on nation board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

Lloyd E. Davis Seeks Ward 2 Post

New Candidate Brings Total In Field To 20

The race for Ward 2 city commissioner became a four-man affair early Wednesday afternoon as Lloyd E. Davis, former commissioner from that ward, filed notice of candidacy with the city clerk. Mr. Davis served in the Still administration (1951-53) after winning a run-off election with the late C. C. Edens by seven votes. He was unsuccessful in his re-election bid in 1953, trailing J. H. Patterson, the incumbent, and Warren Reynolds. Mr. Davis opposes Mr. Patterson, Tilman Pearson, and Clarence G. Myers, who had previously filed. Mr. Davis' filing brings to 20 the number of candidates seeking political offices at the May 10 election. All city office candidates have opposition. Arnold W. Kincaid and J. W. Webster, seeking the two school trustee positions to be filled on May 10, are unopposed.



CANDIDATES — Lloyd E. Davis, top, filed Wednesday for Ward 2 commissioners. He opposes J. H. Patterson, Tilman Pearson and Clarence G. Myers. R. Coleman Stroupe, below, opposes W. G. Grantham, the incumbent, for the Ward 5 city commissionership.



GETTING READY FOR STRAW HAT DAY—Sam Collins, left, president of the Kings Mountain Merchants association, and Richard Barnett, right, chairman of the organization's trade promotion committee, are pictured trying on some 1955 model straw hats in preparation for the current summer season. The Merchants Association president has designated May 1 as Straw Hat Day in Kings Mountain, official day for men to swap winter headgear for cooler straws. (Herald photo by Pennington Studio.)

City Pollbooks Will Be Open Two More Weeks

Registration books for the May 10 city election will remain open for two more Saturdays, with the final day on May 7 also being Challenge Day. City Attorney J. R. Davis said the election notice, as published, specified that the books be open for four successive Saturdays and that this plan should be followed. Meantime, city registrars had a relatively busy day last Saturday, considering the fact that no new registration is required. Particularly brisk was the Ward 5 activity, where Mrs. J. T. McGinnis, Jr., said she had added 30 new names and eight transfers to the poll books. Mrs. H. R. Parton, Ward 2 registrar, said she added 12 new names, in addition to several transfers, last Saturday, while C. L. Black, Ward 1 registrar, reported a total of 20 new registrants for both days the books have been open. He also reported transferring five citizens "in" and five "out". Mrs. Ruth Bowers, in Ward 3, and Mrs. Ralph Hüllender, in Ward 4, could not be contacted Wednesday for their reports.

Telephone Strike Enters 46th Day

Greyhound Bus Strike Marks Its Third Week

Two strikes affecting the pattern of living in Kings Mountain continued Wednesday.

For Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company and the striking CWA phone operators, it was the 45th day. It was the 21st day the familiar Greyhound buses had been missing from Kings Mountain Bus terminal and the surrounding highways.

There was little outward change in either situation.

Kings Mountain members of the Communications Workers union were still picketing the Southern Bell office in the Fulton Building, though the picketing schedule had been cut to 12 hours daily, from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The strikers here were 88 percent "solid", striking employees reported. Of the original 25 employees who went out on strike 45 days ago, 20 are still out. Five switchboard operators had returned to work during the past ten days, leaving 17 switchboard operators and three service-maintenance men on strike.

From the company standpoint, service had been improved, as temporary workers were employed to fill the gaps at the switchboard. Meantime, the company claimed more and more striking workers are returning to their jobs, a claim countered by the union, which told local members 41,000 of 46,000 employees are still out.

Over the weekend, three Southern governors sought unsuccessfully to get the company and union to resolve their differences. The statement from the governors blamed both company and union for a stubborn attitude.

There was little news in the strike of Atlantic Greyhound drivers. Queen City Coach Company was doubling its runs where possible, and passengers southbound found themselves routed via Shelby. No bus service is currently available from Kings Mountain to Grover and Blacksburg, S. C.

Mrs. Lennon Named To Central Faculty

Mrs. R. S. Lennon will assume duties as seventh grade teacher at Central Elementary school on Thursday.

She will replace Joe Lee Woodward, who has resigned after serving as interim teacher for Miss Gussie Huffstetler, Superintendent B. N. Barnes reported Wednesday. Miss Huffstetler has been granted a leave of absence.

Mr. Woodward has accepted full-time employment with Warren Gardner's of Gastonia. Mrs. Lennon taught in the Mulhens, S. C., public schools before moving to Kings Mountain last December. Her husband is vice president and cashier at First National Bank.



SOME LIKED IT AND SOME DIDN'T — Dr. Salk's product came to Kings Mountain last Friday and got varied reactions from its recipients, as sampled above by the camera record. At upper left, Leslie Joy seems to think the shot-taking fun as he cooperates with Mrs. Yates Harbison and Miss Lithia Lanford, Kings Mountain nurses. Dr. Z. P. Mitchell (top right) finishes Johnny Smith a bit bolky as he starts to pop the needle. At bottom left, Jake West smiles as Dr. James Lane administers the anti-polio vaccine, but Patti Steffy, below, right, has to be forcibly restrained by Dr. W. L. Ramseur. At top inset, Frances Kay McSwain joins the satisfied customers, but Donna Payne, below inset, looks a bit unsure about the whole business as Dr. Mitchell aims his needle. In all, 507 youngsters of first and second grades received the Salk vaccine in last Friday's mass inoculations. Shot No. 2 in the three-shot treatment is scheduled for May 13.

Local News Bulletins

ON DEAN'S LIST Jane Ormand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ormand, and Don McCarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McCarter, were listed on the dean's list for the second semester at Lees-McRae Junior college, Banner Elk.

FAMILY NIGHT The children's department of Boyce Memorial ARP church will sponsor a family night supper Wednesday at 7 p. m. as the church observes National Family week.

MEN'S MEETING Men of Kings Mountain Presbytery will hold a supper meeting in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian church Sunday at 6:30 p. m. At 4 p. m. Dr. J. G. Patton, executive secretary of the general council, will address the group.

SOCIAL SECURITY A representative of the Gastonia office of the Social Security administration will be at City Hall to handle social security matters with Kings Mountain area citizens on May 2 and May 16, from 9:30 a. m. it was announced by Joseph P. Walsh, manager.

KIWANIS MEETING Dr. P. G. Padgett will address members of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at their regular meeting Thursday night at 6:45, recounting details of his recent trip to a meeting of the American Academy of General Practice at Los Angeles, Calif. His subject will be "This and That." The club convenes at Masonic Dining Hall.

CARPENTER IMPROVED Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, who has been in serious condition following an operation at Memorial hospital, Charlotte, was reported improved Wednesday. He is not regarded as out of danger, members of his family report, and he is allowed no visitors.

OPTIMIST CLUB Regular meeting of the Optimist club will be held Thursday at 7 p. m. at the Woman's club. Announcement was made by Neal Grissom, the president.

ACCEPT POSITIONS Mrs. Bobby Crawford accepted the position Thursday, April 14, as bookkeeper with Belk's Department Store. Mrs. Crawford succeeds Miss Joan Bridges, who has accepted a position with First National Bank.

School Children Get Polio Shots

Salk Vaccine Administered To 507 Here

In a mass inoculation Friday morning some 507 first and second graders of Kings Mountain City schools, Park Grace school, and Mrs. Luther Cansler's private school received for the first time the newest of new miracle drugs, Salk vaccine.

The second shot is scheduled to be given Friday, May 13. The third, a booster shot, will be administered six or seven months later.

Friday's inoculations were given via assembly line method by teams of local doctors and nurses, Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Cleveland County health officer, and nurses from the County Health office.

The following is a breakdown as given by the health department of the number of children in each school who received the vaccine last Friday: Central school 163, East Elementary school 138, West Elementary school 111, Davidson school 35, Park Grace school 55, and Mrs. Luther Cansler's private school 5.

Smith Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for William Franklin Smith, 63, who died Monday morning of a heart attack, were conducted Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. from Macedonia Baptist church.

Rev. T. A. Lineberger, the pastor, and Rev. P. D. Patrick, pastor of First Presbyterian church, officiated, and interment was made in Mountain Rest cemetery.

A son of the late William and Sarah Elizabeth Laughter Smith, he was an employee of Margrace Mill and a member of Macedonia Baptist church.

His wife, Mrs. Dessie Carr Smith, survives in addition to four sons, Vernon L. Smith, James Smith, and Jack Smith, all of Kings Mountain, and Clyde Smith, in Korea, and three daughters, Mrs. Hobert Dye and Mrs. Roy Pearson, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Frank Durham, of California.

Two brothers, James Smith, of Shelby, and Bob Smith, of Florida, also survive in addition to ten grandchildren.

Mosquito Sprayer To Be Demonstrated

Southern Pest Control Company, of Charlotte, will demonstrate its Dyna-fog machine, designed for mosquito and other pest control, behind the Bonnie Mill on Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges said the Charlotte company seeks to sell the machine for use in the city's mosquito-control efforts.

The city board of commissioners will be on hand to witness the demonstration, and Mayor Bridges issued an invitation to the public to see the demonstration. Access to the demonstration area is from S. Cherokee street.

Lions Nominate Gene Timms

Gene Timms, Grover Road grocer, has been nominated for president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1955-56.

Other officer nominees for the year beginning July 1 are: Dr. Nathan H. Reed, first vice-president; J. W. Webster, second vice-president; James Houser, third vice-president; George Thomason, secretary; Richard Barnett, treasurer; James Rollins, tail twister; J. Lee Roberts, assistant tail twister; and Paul King, Lion tamer.

Director nominees include: W. L. Plonk, Howard B. Jackson, and Continued On Page Five

Morrison Address Will Feature Jaycee Ladies Night Event Tuesday

J. Graham Morrison, former Lincoln agent, will be the featured speaker at the annual Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce Ladies night banquet to be held Tuesday night at Masonic Dining hall.

Mr. Morrison, who specializes in humorous philosophy, retired several years ago after serving for many years as Lincoln county agent. He has spoken in Kings Mountain previously at special events for other clubs.

Officers to be installed are: William G. (Bill) Jonas, president; Clavon Kelly, first vice-president; Herbert Mitcham, second vice-president; R. G. Plonk, Jr., secretary; Louis Sabetti, treasurer; Delbert Dixon, Jaybird, and Charles Dixon, William Herndon, Clinton Jolly, and Dean Payne, directors.

School Vote Bill With Delegation

The proposed bill to change the method of electing school trustees in the Kings Mountain district was forwarded to Rep. B. T. Falls and Senator Robert Morgan last weekend, J. R. Davis, city attorney and school board member, said yesterday.

The bill provides for scrapping of the ward system, as it effects school trustee elections, effective in 1957.

The bill would provide that trustees be allowed to seek office from any area of the school district at any election and also provides that all voters be permitted to vote in all school trustee elections. The staggered six-year term arrangement would be retained.

Under the present voting system, prevailing since 1939, a candidate must reside in the ward in which he seeks to represent and is chosen solely by the voters residing in the particular ward.

The change proposal was advanced by Mrs. H. E. Lynch, vice-chairman of the school board, and unanimously approved by the five member board.

Mr. Davis said Wednesday he had received no acknowledgment from Rep. Falls, whom he had asked to introduce the bill, after referring it to the attorney general's office for a check of technical correctness. He anticipates a reply within the next few days, he stated.

METER RECEIPTS

Net meter receipts from city's parking meters for week ending Wednesday at noon were \$164.90, Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office reported.