

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 nation board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

Bridges, Patterson, Ellison, Grantham Re-Elected

Local News Bulletins

PRESBYTERIAN Dr. J. N. Brown, associate minister of Gastonia's First Presbyterian church, will speak at morning worship services Sunday at First Presbyterian church.

COURT OF HONOR Regular Court of Honor for Boy Scouts of the Kings Mountain district will be held at City Hall courtroom Thursday night at 7:30. It was announced from Piedmont Council headquarters.

CUB SCOUT FILM Mrs. E. M. Schiele, wife of the Piedmont Council Scout executive, will show a film "The Cub Scout Circus", for Cub Scouts, Den Mothers, and parents at First Baptist church educational building Thursday evening at 7:30.

BUILDING PERMITS A permit to build an addition to Kings Mountain hospital at an estimated cost of \$120,000, was issued to Kings Mountain hospital Friday. Tuesday, a permit was issued to Buck Archi, to erect a house on Monroe street, at an estimated cost of \$7,000.

KIWANIS MEETING Regular Kiwanis meeting will be held Thursday night at 6:45 at Masonic hall dining room. Fred Cormack, salesman for International Salt Company, will show a film on salt mining.

METER RECEIPTS Meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$195.00. Miss Grace Carpenter, of the city office, reported.

MOOSE MEETING Regular meeting of Moose Lodge 1748 will be held Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road, it was announced.

MOVED Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, was transferred from Charlotte Memorial hospital to Kings Mountain hospital on last Saturday. His condition has greatly improved following an operation at Charlotte on April 13.

ELECTION SIDELIGHTS

Voting started briskly Tuesday morning in the biennial city election, and, in contrast to opinions of political observers, the final total of 1817 virtually equaled the 1953 city election voting total. Greater totals were recorded in Wards 3 and 5 than in 1953.

The total vote by wards was: Ward 1, 234; Ward 2, 303; Ward 3, 337; Ward 4, 356; and Ward 5, 587.

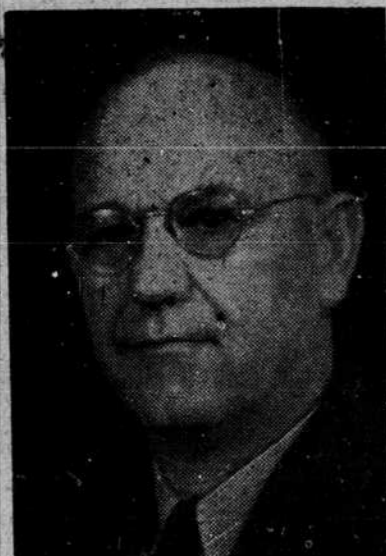
Early-bird voters who cast their ballots first Tuesday morning were Yates Gordon, in Ward 1, J. W. Webster, the new school trustee, in Ward 2; D. Harrison Baily, in Ward 3; Harold Phillips, soon to retire as Ward 4 commissioner, in Ward 4; and Campbell Phifer, in Ward 5.

Approximately 700 persons had cast their votes by 12:30 p. m., the half-way mark on the day's election, with heavier-than-usual morning voting at Ward 3. The pace increased, as it does traditionally, in the afternoon.

Several bizarre events marked the pre-campaigning period. Elder citizens had trouble remembering any election where three persons in one election season had posted filing fees, then withdrawn, and the last-minute write-in effort, in behalf of Fred Weaver, was a new fillip here. This effort was cold-watered by Mr. Weaver himself, who bought radio time Monday to say he was in no position to serve and to urge the citizens to ignore the write-in effort.

Vote-counting was completed shortly after 9:15. First ward

Ledford May Ask Run-Off Election



Ward 4 Vote, Lacks Majority Hayes Topped

Paul W. (Blinky) Ledford, who ran second to O. T. Hayes, Sr., in Tuesday's election for Ward 4 commissioner, indicated strongly Wednesday afternoon that he would demand a run-off election. Mr. Hayes polled 591 votes to lead Mr. Ledford, who received 402 votes, by 189. However, Charles Ford received 395 votes and George W. White 327, leaving Mr. Hayes shy of a majority by 267 votes. Under city election laws, candidates are required to attain a majority of the votes cast. The run-off election is held at the option of the second-running candidate who has five days in which to ask in writing for the run-off election. At 3:45 Wednesday, Mr. Ledford told the Herald, "I am definitely considering calling for a run-off election and I most probably will."

WARD 4 LEADERS — O. T. Hayes, Sr., above, and Paul W. Ledford, below, led the voting for Ward 4 commissioner in Tuesday's city election. Mr. Hayes received 591 votes, while Mr. Ledford received 402. Mr. Ledford indicated Wednesday he would seek a run-off election.

Injuries Fatal To Jenkins Youth

Graveside rites for Thomas Howard Jenkins, 18, who died Tuesday night in a Chapel Hill hospital of injuries sustained in an automobile accident April 8, will be conducted Thursday at 4 p. m. from Mountain Rest cemetery.

The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Jenkins, of Greensboro, former Kings Mountain residents, was a student at East Carolina Teacher's college. He was a member of Greensboro's Rebirth Methodist church, where the funeral will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. John C. Vernon and Rev. E. C. Widenhouse will conduct the service.

In addition to the parents, a brother, William Lawrence Jenkins, of Kernersville, and two sisters, Mrs. Jack Williams and Mrs. Fern Truelove, both of Johnson City, Tenn., survive.

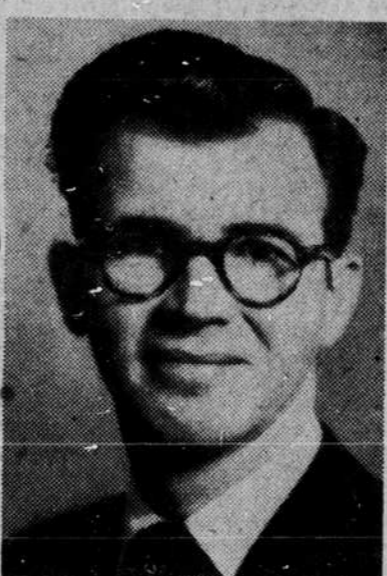
TO CONVENTION Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Blanton will attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association meeting in Pinehurst May 15-17. Mr. Blanton is a vice-president of the association.

Finals Exercises For 25 Seniors Begin Sunday At Bethware School

Commencement exercises for 25 Bethware high school seniors will begin Sunday evening with the baccalaureate sermon, and will be concluded next Wednesday evening with graduating exercises. It was announced Wednesday by John Ruidisill, principal.

Both programs will begin at 8 p. m. The baccalaureate speaker will be Rev. Hoyle Alexander, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church. Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church, will deliver the graduate address.

Commencement marshals will be Nancy Bell, Sara Mae Hamrick, Jimmy Bell, and Joe Chapman. Mascots will be Ava Joe Spearman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



TO HEAD LIONS — Gene Timms, Grover Road grocer, was elected unanimously Tuesday night as president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1955-56.

Lions Elect Gene Timms

Gene Timms was unanimously elected president of the Kings Mountain Lion club for 1955-56 at the meeting of the organization Tuesday night.

The Grover Road grocer will succeed Jacob Cooper. Other officers, also unanimously elected, are: Dr. Nathan H. Reed, first vice-president; J. W. Webster, second vice-president; James Houser, third vice-president; George Thomasson, secretary; Richard Barnette, treasurer; James Rollins, tail twister; J. Lee Roberts, assistant tail twister; and Paul King, Lion tamer.

Directors elected for two-year terms were Carl F. Mauney, H. B. Jackson, and W. L. Plonk. Directors elected for one-year terms were Baxter T. Wright, Sr., and Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr. Charlie Moss is a holdover director for one year.

Installation of the officers will be conducted late in June. At the Tuesday night meeting, the Lions heard an address by Sam Lattimore, former Federal Land bank official, and Shelby farmer, who cautioned against the decline of cotton farming in Cleveland county.

Mr. Lattimore pointed to bad crop years as one factor, but contended that Cleveland county's soil is most ideal of any land "anywhere" for growing cotton. He said Cleveland county and North Carolina should look to its laurels in cotton-growing, since California is becoming a great cotton-producing state.

Goforth ASTC Cheerleader

Bob Goforth, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Ben Goforth, Sr., of Kings Mountain, has been elected chief cheerleader of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mr. Goforth was chosen in a campus-wide election held at ASTC on April 17. He defeated nine other candidates for the position.

A rising senior, he is a music major, and has been a member of the ASTC band, chorus, dance band, Pep club, YMCA, and Music Majors club.

He had served as a member of the cheerleading squad for three years. His older brother, I. B. Goforth, Jr., was chief cheerleader at ASTC in 1949.

Two Minor Break-Ins Reported By Police

Two minor break-ins were reported by Kings Mountain Police department this week. Saturday, Glenn Dellinger, of 319 Walnut street, reported to police someone entered his home through a window and took approximately \$10 in change. Entry to the house was gained, Mr. Dellinger reported, by removing a screen from a window.

Tommy Ellison reported to police Thursday culprits had broken into Grace Methodist church, and while in the church damaged a bulletin board, five drain pipes, five ventilators and broke one window.

Spelling Champ Early Off Monday For Washington

Bobby Early, the area spelling champion, will leave for Washington, D. C., Monday morning and a crack at the national spelling championship.

Mrs. Jake Early, his mother, is expected to accompany him, along with Randolph Hancock, Charlotte Observer staffer. The group will go to Washington by plane and join some 60 other contestants from all parts of the nation at the Willard Hotel.

In addition to the competition for some \$3,000 in prizes, the contestants will spend five busy days touring the Capitol city. The finals competition is scheduled for Thursday night, May 19, with an awards night banquet scheduled for May 20. The group will return home on Saturday.

Top prize in the National Spelling Bee is \$500 plus an all-expense paid trip to New York City.

Bobby Early copped the right to represent the area in Washington by winning the Charlotte Observer spelling bee. In turn, he had qualified to represent Kings Mountain schools at Charlotte by winning the elementary schools spelling contest for the First National Bank award, given annually to top spellers in city schools.

Legion Elects W. D. Morrison

W. D. (Red) Morrison was elected commander of Otis D. Green Post No. 155, the American Legion, at the annual post elections held at the Legion Hall last Friday night.

Mr. Morrison will succeed James Bennett. Installation of new officers will be conducted at the June meeting.

Other officers elected were: Wilbur G. Smith, first vice commander succeeding Clyde Whetstone. Fleece R. McCurdy, second vice commander succeeding Sam D. Collins.

C. T. Carpenter, Jr., re-elected as adjutant. Mr. Bennett, finance officer succeeding Fred Halthach who had resigned upon moving from the city.

Floyd Dover, sergeant-at-arms succeeding Ross Alexander. I. C. Davis, assistant sergeant-at-arms. Gene Gibson, historian succeeding Hubert Aderholdt. John W. Gladden, re-elected chaplain.

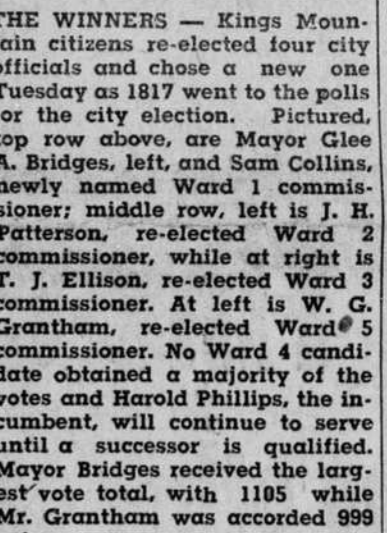
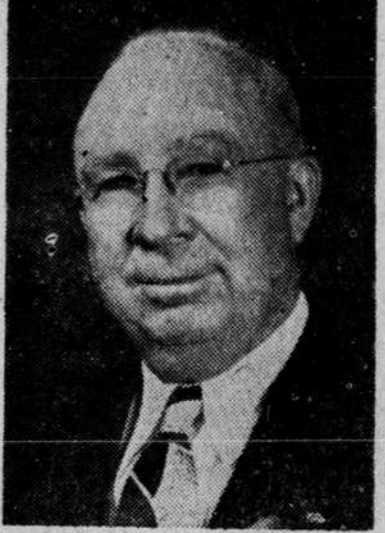
John McDaniel, Nelson Ledbetter, Hubert Aderholdt, James Alexander and John Lewis, members of the executive committee. Some 23 members were present at the meeting, presided over by Commander Bennett.

Membership was reported at 231 for 1955 plus 58 suspended 1954 members. Commander Bennett announced a gift to the cancer fund drive of \$100 and junior baseball plans were discussed.

Boy Scout Fund Drive Underway

A group of Kings Mountain citizens will launch Thursday the community's annual Boy Scout fund campaign.

The group was holding a dinner meeting at the Country Club Wednesday night to conclude plans for the fund drive. Dr. J. P. Mauney, chairman, said. Members of the soliciting committee will include G. C. Kelly, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Tolly Shuford, John Latham, George W. Mauney, Arnold Kise, J. C. McKinney, P. M. Neisler, Sr., Harold Phillips, Wilson Griffin and Dr. N. H. Reed.



Collins Upsets Fulton; Bridges Landslide Victor

Mayor Glee A. Bridges spread-eagled the field Tuesday to win re-election to a second term over three challengers, as 1817 citizens went to the polls.

The other members of the Bridges Administration seeking re-election suffered a lone casualty, Sam D. Collins, edging W. Sage Fulton, Sr., for Ward 1 commissioner by 54 votes. This race was nip-and-tuck all the way, with the final total Collins 872, Fulton 818.

Re-elected handily were J. H. Patterson, Ward 2 commissioner, T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, Ward 3 Commissioner, and W. G. Grantham, Ward 5 commissioner.

Still not settled is the Ward 4 commissionership being vacated by Harold J. Phillips.

The four-man race for this position was led by O. T. Hayes, Sr., with Paul W. Ledford as runner-up. Mr. Hayes polled 591 votes to lead the field, but failed to attain a majority by 267 votes. Mr. Ledford received 402 votes to gain the right to contest Mr. Hayes in a run-off election on May 24. Mr. Ledford edged Charles (Rocky) Ford, who finished third with 395 votes, George W. White trailed at 327.

Formal oath-taking ceremonies will be held 10 o'clock Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Phillips will continue to serve until his successor is elected and qualified, which at the least, will be May 26. Mr. Ledford has five days in which to demand a run-off election. School Trustee nominees are also to take their oaths at the Thursday morning ceremonies.

Mayor Bridges was the ticket-leader, polling 1105 votes of the 1796 cast for mayor. Baxter T. Wright, Sr., was second with 345, while Olland R. Pearson received 212, and Garland E. Still polled 131. There were three write-in votes for Ollie Harris.

The official canvass conducted Wednesday morning showed only slight changes in the returns gathered Tuesday night, none of which varied the result. In Ward 2, votes of Clarence G. Myers had been attributed to Tillman Pearson and Lloyd E. Davis. The final total was J. H. Patterson 905, Tillman Pearson 477, Davis 198, and Myers 123.

In Ward 3, T. J. Ellison received 937 votes to defeat two challengers, Luther Bennett, with 587, and R. R. Carrigan, with 185. The voters of Wards 2 and 3, in strict ward voting, formally elected J. W. Webster and Arnold W. Kincaid, both unopposed, to six-year terms as school trustees. Mr. Webster received 297 votes, while Mr. Kincaid received 303.

Mr. Carl F. Mauney received a write-in vote for the Ward 2 position, while David L. Saunders received a write-in vote for the Ward 3 school job. Mr. Webster will join the board for the first time, replacing Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, who did not seek re-election. Mr. Kincaid, current chairman of the board, won re-election to a second term. He had previously served on the board for two years, filling the unexpired term of C. G. White.

In Ward 5, W. G. Grantham polled a better than 4 to 1 majority in his home ward to defeat handily R. Coleman Stroupe. With four wards reported, Mr. Stroupe held a small lead. The final count was Grantham 999, Stroupe 692, with 21 write-in votes for Fred Weaver.

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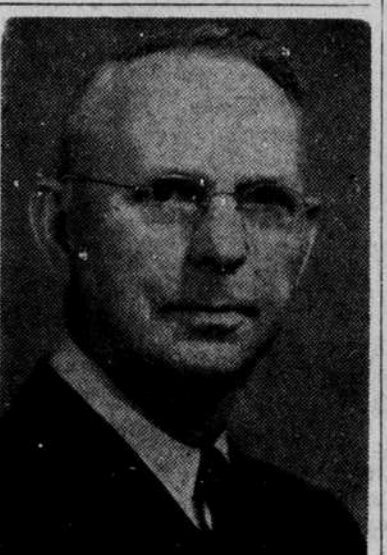
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Polio Vaccination Program Is Halted

School Pupils Second Shots To Be Delayed



The second shot of polio Salk vaccine scheduled to be administered Friday to second graders of Kings Mountain City schools, Park Grace school, and Mrs. Luther Cansler's private school, has been postponed, according to an announcement Wednesday morning from the office of Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Cleveland County health officer.

The administering of the vaccine was halted Sunday by the U. S. Public Health Service for a further study of the vaccine after several children who had received the vaccine became stricken with polio.

If the ga-ahead signal is given between Wednesday and Friday by the U. S. Public Health Service to continue the vaccinations, they will be given in Kings Mountain as scheduled, Mrs. Elizabeth Scruggs, of the Cleveland County health office, said.

The Salk vaccine had not been administered to two Kings Mountain polio victims reported by Dr. Paul Hendricks this week to Cleveland County Health department, Mrs. Scruggs said. Deborah Carolyn Wilson, two-year-old Negro and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucio Wilson, of 312 Ellis street, was stricken with polio Tuesday, April 3. Dr. Hendricks said the child has been discharged from Kings Mountain hospital and that no paralysis has developed.

The second victim, Jan Rhodes, six-year-old Negro, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes, of 104 N. Cansler street, was stricken Friday. Dr. Hendricks termed the case as very mild. The child was discharged from the hospital Sunday.

Masons Honor Ladies Monday

The annual ladies night banquet of Fairview Lodge No. 339, A. F. & A. M., will be held at the Masonic Hall dining room on Monday at 7 p. m.

Dr. Charles H. Pugh, Gastonia physician and prominent Mason, will be the speaker and widows of former members of the lodge will be honor guests.

Dr. Pugh has distinguished himself in many fields of activity but in Masonic circles he has achieved the top rungs of recognition and honors.

At present he is Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, the highest honor North Carolina Masons can bestow, and is a 33-degree Honorary of Scottish Rite. His titles are too numerous to

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