

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 7906. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS — Dr. W. L. Pressly, left, and Dr. A. C. Reid, right, will be the principal speakers at Kings Mountain high school commencement exercises. Dr. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening. Dr. Reid, head of the philosophy department of Wake Forest college, will deliver the graduation address on Tuesday evening.

KMHS Graduation To Begin Sunday

59 To Receive Their Diplomas Tuesday Night

Kings Mountain high school's commencement exercises for the Class of 1955 will begin Sunday evening with the baccalaureate sermon and will conclude Tuesday evening with graduation exercises. Both events will be held at the high school auditorium and will begin at 8 o'clock.

Dr. William L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. The invocation will be given by Rev. Douglas Fritz, and scripture will be read by Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr. B. N. Barnes, city schools superintendent, will present Dr. Pressly, and the benediction will be said by Dr. W. P. Gerberding. The audience will sing "Lead On, O King Eternal," and the high school mixed chorus, under the direction of Miss Margaret Cole, will sing "Go Not Far From Me, O God," by Zingarelli.

Dr. A. C. Reid, Wake Forest college philosophy professor, will deliver the graduation address Tuesday evening. Dr. Reid, a native of Davidson County, received his B. A. Degree at Wake Forest in 1917, his M. A. at Wake Forest in 1918, and his Ph. D. from Cornell University in 1923. He became an instructor in philosophy at Wake Forest in 1918, was promoted to associate professor in 1920, and has been head of the department since 1923. He will be presented by Rowell Lane, high school principal. Rev. A. J. Argo will give the invocation, and Rev. Howard Cooke will say the benediction. The mixed chorus will present "You'll Never Walk Alone," as arranged by Rigwald, and presentation of diplomas will be made by Principal Rowell Lane. Miss Peggy Jean Rippey will present the gift of the graduating class.

Donna Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crawford, and Tommy Gerberding, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Gerberding, are the class mascots.

Fifty-nine students are candidates for high school diplomas.

Local News Bulletins

ATTEND CONVENTION

Dr. R. N. Baker and Dr. D. Hord attended the North Carolina Dental convention in session May 22-May 25 at Pinehurst.

MOOSE MOVIE

Members of the Moose Lodge will view a movie and hear a talk on cerebral palsy at the regular meeting at 8 o'clock Thursday night. The club is to co-sponsor a fund drive in July.

GRADUATES

Donald Barrett, son of Mrs. Edna Barrett, of 409 Gantt street and Horace Barrett, of Dallas, Texas, was graduated from Dallas Tech high school, May 20.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Jackie Falls accepted a position Monday as beautician with Central Beauty Shop, Mrs. Eloise Mabry, owner of the shop, announced.

MASONIC MEETING

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

ONE PERMIT

Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a building permit Friday to P. B. Phillips, to erect a one story house on Second street, at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

Kimmell Is Bear Baseball Captain

Jimmy Kimmell, former triple-threat star at Kings Mountain high school, will captain the 1955 Lenoir Rhyne College baseball team.

The selection of Kimmell was announced at banquet Friday night honoring Lenoir Rhyne athletes.

Horace (Bone) McKinney, member of the Wake Forest coaching staff, was the principal speaker. Basketball, baseball, tennis and track awards were made.

Kimmell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kimmell, was awarded a letter in baseball. He is also a football letterman.

METER RECEIPTS

Net meter receipts from city's parking meters for week ending Wednesday noon were \$172.22, according to Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office.

Gas System Tab Was \$262,000

The final round-figure construction cost of the city's natural gas system was \$262,000.

Bill Gilmore, representative of Barnard & Burk, the city's gas engineers, said Wednesday that the final costs were in and listed \$262,000 as the total cost.

The city paid for the installation out of a \$400,000 gas revenue bond issue. Remainder of the amount is available to the city for further expansion of the system, as demand arises.

Hayes Wins Ward 4 Commissioner Seat

551 Put Cars To Safety Lane Mechanical Test

Kings Mountain motorists were running their autos through the safety inspection lane in front of City Hall this week at a rapid pace.

By Wednesday at noon, 551 vehicles had been put to the ten-point test — with few qualifying for perfection in these ten tests. One of the favorite misses was lack of back-up lights, now required on new model cars by state law, but missing on older models, unless the purchaser was willing to pay extra for them.

The Safety Inspection lane will remain open through the weekend. It is being manned by volunteer mechanics and personnel from the city's garages and service stations.

No charge is made for the inspection, a joint promotion of the city police department, the National Safety Council, and other groups.

Saturday night, a free square dance is scheduled at the high school gymnasium at 8 o'clock, as an end-point fillip to the Safety Week promotion.

Kiwanis Club Honors Ladies

A capacity crowd was present last Thursday night for the annual ladies night banquet of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, which featured an address on the "Mission of Laughter," by R. L. Patton, superintendent of Burke County schools.

Mr. Patton, interspersing advice for living with witty anecdotes, told his hearers that "your outlook on life makes all the difference in the world."

He advised a constant effort to relax and "to get hate out of your heart." "Hate hurts none but yourself," he declared.

"It is important," he said, "to learn to take it. Some can't, and they are miserable." He further advised moderation in all activities, be it work, play, religion, or other pursuit.

Mr. Patton was presented by B. N. Barnes.

Burlie Peeler, Jr. served as toastmaster, and L. L. Benson said the invocation. J. C. Bridges, Kiwanis president, recognized visiting Kiwanis officials from Shelby, Gastonia, and Asheville, presidents of other Kings Mountain civic clubs, widows of Kiwanians, past presidents now living in other communities, and other club guests.

Two duets were sung by Miss Melba Tindall and Dr. Blake McWhirter, with Mrs. F. R. McCurdy accompanying at the piano.

Ladies were presented a pair of the new stretch nylon hose by the ladies night committee which included, Mr. Peeler, chairman, Dr. D. F. Hord, F. R. McCurdy, G. C. Kelly, Glee E. Bridges, and Henry Neisler.

The dinner served by Mrs. L. B. Goforth included tomato juice, baked ham, potato salad, lima beans, pear salad, celery, olives, pickles, hot rolls and butter, iced tea, and lemon bisque.

Races At Speedway Sunday Afternoon

Some 35 cars are expected for the races Sunday afternoon at Kings Mountain Speedway. Time is 3 p. m.

R. D. Spearman reports that last Sunday's challenge race and other events were called off before noon because of rain. Thirty cars and some 1,000 fans showed up anyway, he said.

The challenge race, set last week, will be run Sunday, he said.

Kiwanis Club Schedules "Karnival"; Proceeds Aimed For Tennis Courts

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will present a community carnival, to be known as "Kiwanis Karnival and Auction", on June 18, with a wide variety of activities on the one-day program.

Announcement of the club activity — to earn funds for two major Kiwanis projects — was made yesterday by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, chairman of the project.

Proceeds will go to the Kiwanis project for the city recreation plant, the building of two tennis courts, and for the Kiwanis club student loan fund.

Mayor Job May Be Full-Time; Chief Logan's Fate In Doubt

Results Given On Aptitude Tests Of Seniors

Results of an aptitude test conducted by the Kings Mountain Employment service among 29 high school seniors was reported this week by Franklin Ware, manager.

Mr. Ware said the tests, taken voluntarily, showed that seven students had greater aptitude in stenographic work; eight in typing, bookkeeping and related work; two in nursing; two in automobile mechanics; one in machine shop trades; two in literary work; and seven in sales and public contact work.

Mr. Ware said 25 of the seniors indicated they would seek employment after they graduated from high school next week.

The test was the General Aptitude Battery and included consideration of personal interests, leisure time activities, hobbies and personal characteristics.

Mr. Ware said a number of the students are listed for employment at his office and invited any employer to seek an interview with any or all of the group.

"It is good business to employ our graduates and to keep them in our community," Mr. Ware noted.

Dog Quarantine Starts June 1

Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Cleveland County health officer, said Wednesday the county board of commissioners have declared a quarantine of all dogs in the county during the month of June. At the request of county officials, the enabling act for the quarantine was passed by the current legislature.

Dr. Mitchell said the purpose of the quarantine is to eliminate all unclaimed dogs in the county who frequently have preyed on poultry and livestock. Dr. Mitchell further noted all peace officers have been empowered to destroy on sight any stray dogs during the month, regardless of whether dogs are wearing collars or tags.

"Since there is no way of distinguishing between a dog that has escaped and one that has not been confined," Dr. Mitchell said, "Dog owners should be careful about preparing a suitable place to confine their dogs. It is entirely the dog owner's responsibility to see that their dogs are kept confined or, if not confined, kept on a leash," he said.

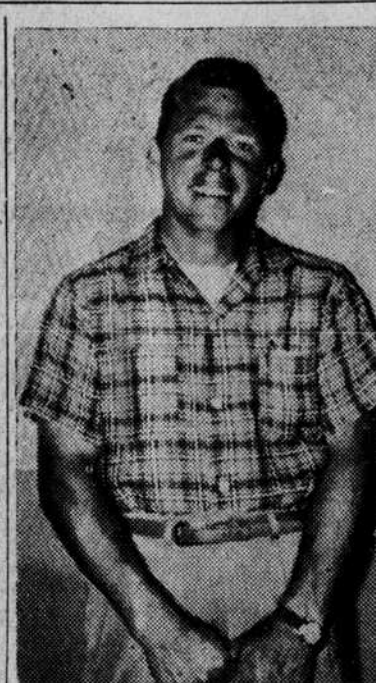
Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., stated Wednesday that the quarantine will be enforced in Kings Mountain.

Six To Be Confirmed At St. Matthew's

Sunday is the Festival of Pentecost or Whitsunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church. It will be observed at 11 a. m. by the rite of Confirmation. Six girls will make their vows at the altar. They are Myrtle Dunn, Jane Gosey, Joann Lackey, Linda Mitham, Peggy Sanders, Patsy Sisk.

The choir and the class will sing special numbers. The class will be robed in white and the pastor, Dr. W. P. Gerberding, will lay his hand on the head of each as they kneel before the altar.

The Class will receive its first Communion the following Sunday, June 5th, at 11 a. m. They have been under instruction by the Pastor for two years. They will be honored at a reception and reunion of those confirmed in the past 10 years, June 5.



RECREATION DIRECTOR—Doug Salley, Fayetteville native, is city's first full-time recreation director. He assumed his duties late last month and expects to move his family to Kings Mountain in the next few days.

Police Investigated Minor Accidents

Monday around 3:55 p. m., Kings Mountain Police department investigated an automobile accident on W. Gold street. Drivers involved were listed by Police as P. A. Hawkins, of Church street, operating a 1952 Pontiac, and Emory Carlton Nicholson, of 305 S. York street, operating a City owned truck. The collision occurred, Police reported, when the driver of the Pontiac, which was parked on the right side of the road, opened the car left door in the path of the truck which was attempting to pass. Property damages were estimated to total \$85.

Thomas Lee Adams, of route 2, and Everett A. Bringham, Jr., of route 3, were involved in an accident Sunday, Police reported. The accident, which occurred at the intersection of Carpenter and King streets, resulted Police reported, when the Bringham vehicle, while attempting to make a left turn off King street, on to Carpenter street, struck the Adams vehicle on the left front fender. Property damages were estimated to total \$25.

Police reported the occurrence of an accident Saturday when the hand brakes of a car owned by Thelma Stevens Lanier, of 31-Parker street, failed to hold and struck a car owned by Raymond Kitter Hartsoe, also of Parker street. Both cars were parked on Parker street, Police said.

Friday, Police reported, cars driven by James Edward Ellison of route 1, and Betty Bowers Wright, of 32 Church street, collided on Church street. Property damages as a result of the accident were estimated to total \$35.

Rudisill To Play Saturday Night

John Rudisill, principal of Bethware high school, is to play on the Gastonia Juniors' "old timers" team in a game against later day stars at Sims Legion park in Gastonia Saturday night.

Game time is 8 p. m.

Mr. Rudisill was rightfielder on the 1935 club which won the Little World series. All but two members of the team, both now in service, will be in uniform for Saturday's game and Doc Newton, coach of the club, will be on hand to manage the club.

Russ Bergman will tutor the younger club.

First Meeting Of Full Board To Be June 2

What will be the end-point results of Tuesday's run-off election, finally completing the identity of all members of the city's second Bridges Administration?

A survey by the Herald Wednesday morning, including conversations with Commissioners Sam Collins and T. J. Ellison, Mayor Glee Bridges, and Commissioner-nominee O. T. Hayes indicates:

1) Mayor Bridges is likely to become a full-time mayor at a salary at the permissive maximum of \$300 per month, with concurrent restrictions on city purchasing at Bridges Hardware, where the mayor is the employee of his sons who operate the business as a partnership.

2) Vast majority of city employees will retain their jobs, with Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., the department head most in danger.

3) There is not too much likelihood of a firm and irrevocable split in the administration, along the lines of the Still administration, when three commissioners frequently combined to override the mayor and two board members.

1466 Citizens Accord Hayes Margin Of 240

Oliver T. Hayes, Sr., won election to the city board of commissioners from Ward 4 Tuesday, as he defeated Paul W. Ledford in a run-off election, 853 to 613, a margin of 240 votes.

Mr. Hayes will take the oath of office at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at City Hall, replacing Harold Phillips, retiring Ward 4 commissioner, who has continued to serve until a successor is elected and qualified.

The run-off voting total surprised majority of the experts who had predicted a maximum vote of 1200, compared to the 1466 voters actually logged on the pollbooks.

Mr. Hayes carried four of the five wards, dropping only the large Ward 5 box by 49 votes. He picked up heavy majorities in Wards 3 and 4. In Ward 3, the Hayes margin was 191 to 54.

The victory of Mr. Hayes was his first in seeking elective political position. He had three times sought election to the board of commissioners and one time had sought election as mayor.

In 1937, when the city elected its five commissioners by the sweepstakes method, with the five high candidates being declared winners, Mr. Hayes ran ninth, polling 268 votes. He ran for mayor in 1951, running fourth in a four-man field. He again sought a board position in 1953, placing second in a three-man field. In the May 10 city election, he led a four-man race by 189 votes, but lacked a majority by 267. Subsequently, Mr. Ledford demanded a run-off, and the following ten days saw an active campaign between the two and their supporters, culminating in Tuesday's large vote.

The lone race attracted only 351 less voters than did the six-race, 19-candidate election of May 10.

The board of commissioners convened briefly Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock to canvass the vote, verifying the totals reported by the election officials Tuesday night and making the result official.

The election of Mr. Hayes Tuesday, speculation arose on the bloc possibility, with some citizens offering the opinion that Commissioners Collins, Hayes and Ellison would team to effectively control the board. (The mayor votes only in case of a tie.)

Mr. Collins labeled this theory as false, saying he would decline to enter into a firm bloc with either Commissioners Patterson and Grantham, both re-elected on May 10, or Commissioner Ellison, also re-elected on May 10, and Commissioner Hayes, Mr. Ellison and Retiring Commissioner Phillips, in the occasional splits of the past two years, were outvoted 3-2, and have stated privately they were "out in the cold".

The full Bridges Administration II will meet for the first time at the regular session of June 2, Mayor Bridges said Wednesday morning.

He acknowledged conversation concerning returning the mayor-al position to full-time status and said he would accept it if the commissioners desired it.

The question of Chief Logan's continuance in office was advanced during the campaigning season, with pressures being exerted both for and against him.

The board, in a routine action, re-employed all department heads for 30 days on May 12.

KIWANIS MEETING
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Run-Off Election SIDELIGHTS

Tuesday's voting was conducted quietly, with no lines congregating and making it appear only a small vote was being cast. But the vote totals taken during the day did not bear out the appearance. At the Herald's noon check of the five boxes, 608 persons had cast their ballots, indicating that the total would reach 1400. Customarily, voting is heavier in the afternoon than in the morning. And it was. Ballot marking required only a second, with the lone race.

Tuesday's was the second run-off election in city political history. The first, in 1951, attracted 1837 voters, second biggest vote total in the city's experience.

First to cast their ballots Tuesday in each of the wards were Ollie Harris in Ward 1, M. A. Ware in Ward 2, Harrison Baity (as usual) in Ward 3, John Hancock in Ward 4, and J. K. Willis in Ward 5.

One stir of the morning proved of no consequence, may not have anyway. Rumor was being circulated that the Ward 3 polling place at Phenix Store opened late. It did. Frank Ballard, owner of Phenix Store, had been called out of town to see an ill kinsman, didn't get home until late, and arrived to open his store and the polling spot at 6:50, or 20 minutes after the scheduled time. Mrs. Ruth Bowers reported. But she didn't think anybody missed voting because of it. Questions during the day included what effect a late opening might have on the outcome, and whether the box could be thrown out. As it happened, the result would have been the same, even without the Ward 3 totals.

Counting was simple Tuesday, with virtually every box reported within 20 minutes after the polls closed, in contrast to the arduous work of May 10.

The winner, O. T. Hayes, Sr., called the Herald from his home about 7 o'clock to inquire of the results and to be told by Reporter Lafayette Meacham he had won. The winner thanked Mrs. Meacham and said, "I wanted to win more than anything in my life."

May Gas Bills Total \$4,339.33

City natural gas billings for the month ending last week, which customers will receive on June 1, total \$4,339.33, a slight increase over last month's total.

Figures reported by Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniel, Jr., show that residential billings totaled \$349.03, small commercial billings totaled \$216.22, large commercial billings \$3,749, and public institution billings (city and school) \$25.08.

Mr. McDaniel said the city listed approximately 140 customers at the end of the billing period, compared to 110 a month ago.

The city buys the gas from Transcontinental Pipeline Corporation. Billing for the past month from Transcontinental (which bills as as of the end of calendar months) was \$2,420.83, Mr. McDaniel said.

Lions Banquet Plans Listed

Graham Jackson, nationally-known Negro organist and entertainer of the late President Roosevelt, will provide the feature entertainment for the Kings Mountain Lions club ladies night banquet.

Announcement was made yesterday by Sam Stallings, chairman of the ladies night committee.

Jackson plays an electric organ, piano, and accordion, and is billed as a one-man floor show. While a chief petty officer in the navy during World War II, Jackson accompanied President Roosevelt to Warm Springs, Ga., helped to sell \$3 millions in war bonds, and was given nationwide publicity in Life Magazine and other publications. His publicity brochure, shows him entertaining Mr. Roosevelt and Actress Bette Davis at Warm Springs, the late Senator Taft in Washington, and at numerous other functions.

"We feel we have an unusual program for the ladies night banquet," Mr. Stallings said.

The ladies night event will be held at the Woman's Club on June 14.

Long Strike Against Bell Ends; All Strikers Back On Job Here

The long Southern Bell strike ended officially in Kings Mountain Wednesday morning, as all striking employees returned to their jobs.

The striking employees, members of Local 3605, Communications Workers of America (CIO) met Monday and ratified by unanimous vote the strike settling agreement effected over the weekend by negotiators between the company and the union in Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Jack Arnette, supervisor at the Kings Mountain office, said all the striking employees were on their regular jobs Wednesday. She said five temporary employees, who joined the staff during the strike, were released, and management personnel from other offices, helping here during the long strike, returned to their regular jobs.

OFFICIAL RETURNS City Run-Off Election May 24, 1955

For Ward 4 Commissioner:	1	2	3	4	5	City Total
O. T. Hayes, Sr.	99	150	491	223	190	853
Paul W. Ledford	86	110	54	124	239	613