

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.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Carolina Mines To Launch Operations Soon

Herndon Says Firm To Mine, Extract Kyanite

Plans for mining and concentrating of kyanite in the Graigmont section between Crowder's and Kings Mountain were announced this week by J. E. Herndon, Kings Mountain businessman and vice-president of Carolina Mines, Inc.

Mr. Herndon said the company, organized and incorporated several months ago, will mine kyanite-bearing ore from the 261.5 acres it owns and/or leases in the area and concurrently released the report of Harry J. Wolf, New York mining engineer and consultant, who has examined the properties and who has recommended the mining venture.

Kyanite is used in a variety of manufacturing operations and products, with the major use as a refractory material for lining high temperature furnaces. It is used in making glass, in spark plugs, and enamelware. Kyanite is the product being obtained in the operations of Commercial Ores, Inc., the mining company at Henry's Knob in York county near Clover, S. C.

Mr. Herndon said that company officials have plans for the concentration plant and are currently discussing purchase of equipment from manufacturers. He added it is possible the company will be operating by autumn and by January 1, 1956 at the latest.

Carolina Mines, Inc., in its certificate of incorporation, is authorized to issue two million shares of common stock of \$1 par value. Mr. Herndon said 298,000 shares are currently being sold to supply initial capital for the launching of operations.

Officers are A. S. McCulloch, Vancouver, B. C., president and treasurer; Mr. Herndon, vice-president; J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney, secretary; J. B. Hamilton, Vancouver, assistant treasurer; and J. J. Mullinax, Kings Mountain, assistant secretary. All the officers are directors, with the exception of Mr. Davis. Mr. Herndon says the charter calls for nine directors, with five to be elected later.

The report of Mr. Wolf, the engineer, was based on a visit to the area last December and on reports from extensive core-drilling by the North Carolina State College Minerals Research laboratory at Asheville.

Mr. Wolf wrote, "The deposit of kyanite under review has definite merit as to both quantity and quality. In comparison with numerous other deposits that have been exploited in the region, its potentialities are outstanding. In the light of current markets and prices for the material, it appears to offer the basis of a successful commercial enterprise. Estimates of quantity and quality of ore available for economic exploitation, . . . indicate 3,224,000 tons of material which has an average kyanite content of about 38 percent."

Group To Conduct Light Bulb Sale

Sponsors of a cerebral palsy drive have announced plans for a house-to-house sale of electric light bulbs on June 17 as a part of the organization's efforts to raise funds to combat the disease. Quota for Kings Mountain in the county drive is \$3,500, with the total being sought in Cleveland County at \$10,000. The Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Moose Lodge are co-sponsoring the Kings Mountain effort. Funds raised will go toward establishment of a county clinic for treatment of cerebral palsy cases in the county, officials noted.

Swimming Pools To Open June 10

The city's two new swimming pools are tentatively scheduled to open on June 10, according to joint announcement by Mayor Glee A. Bridges and Recreation Commission Secretary Jack White. Plastering of the interior of the pools was underway Wednesday, and Mr. White said "we'll test them with water this weekend." The two pools, one for whites and one for colored, were built from a \$150,000 recreation bond issue approved in January 1954.



ORDAINED — A. B. Falls, Jr., was ordained recently by Macedonia Baptist church as a Baptist minister.

Falls Ordained As Minister

A. B. (Bud) Falls, Jr., of Kings Mountain, was ordained as a Baptist minister by Macedonia Baptist church Sunday, May 15, at morning church services.

The service was conducted by Rev. E. B. Hicks, of Shelby, Rev. Donald Wilson, pastor of East Side Baptist church, Rev. T. A. Lineberger, Macedonia pastor, and Rev. R. E. Robbins, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church.

Mr. Falls, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Falls, Sr., is a student at Gardner-Webb Junior college and is pastor of Plainview Baptist church. He had been serving as a supply pastor at the Plainview church for sometime prior to accepting the pastorate.

Mr. and Mrs. Falls have two children, Kay, a ninth grade student at Central school, and Buddy, a fourth grade student. Mrs. Falls is bookkeeper at Baird Furniture company.

Union Services To Start Sunday

Five Kings Mountain churches will collaborate again during the summer in a series of union services, with the first to be held Sunday evening at St. Matthew's Lutheran church, with Rev. Phil Shore, Jr., delivering the sermon. Participating churches are St. Matthew's Lutheran, Central Methodist, First Presbyterian, Boyce Memorial ARP, and Resurrection Lutheran.

Remainder of the June schedule follows: June 12, at ARP, Rev. P. D. Patrick. June 19, Central Methodist, Dr. W. L. Pressly. June 26, at First Presbyterian, Rev. Douglas Fritz.

Shore To Conduct 9 O'clock Services

Central Methodist church will begin 9 a. m. Sunday morning services, in addition to the regular 11 o'clock service, on Sunday. Rev. Phil Shore, Jr., pastor, made the announcement and said the new schedule will be used during June on a trial basis. Members of the church and all other citizens are invited to attend the early-morning service, he said.

Arson Suspected In Waco Road Fire Tuesday

Arson is suspected in the fire which damaged an unoccupied house just outside city limits on Waco road Tuesday night around 11 o'clock.

The house is owned by H. Tom Fulton.

Investigating Officer L. L. Hamrick, of Cleveland County Sheriff's office, said a bed quilt, partially burned and saturated with kerosene, was found in the loft of the house. Officer Hamrick said that the person or persons responsible for the arson, evidently using a carpenter's saw horse for elevation, carried in the house for that purpose, knocked a hole in the ceiling of the house, threw the quilt in the loft and then apparently poured a quantity of kerosene in the loft. The celotex ceiling was also saturated with kerosene, the officer said. Entry to the house was thought to have been gained through a back window, Officer Hamrick said.

Damage as a result of the fire was estimated at \$600. Firemen answered a second call Tuesday to extinguish a grass fire on York road.

Hobby Produces New Shampoo

Billy F. Throneburg, formerly of Kings Mountain, now a chemist for Hercules Power Company, Kingston, N. Y., has collaborated with another chemist in a spare-time hobby to develop a new shampoo.

The product, trademarked "Swiv", is being marketed in the Kings Mountain area at drug stores and beauty shops. The product contains "Iustrozol," a new conditioner used in shampoo for the first time, and is being produced in three grades, for normal, dry, and oily hair.

Currently, the chemists are manufacturing their product in their spare time in their respective kitchens. Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg, mother of the chemist, said.

The partner is David T. Zebree, who attended Waynesburg College, Pa. "Swiv" was first marketed May 19, after more than five years of experimentation by the two.

New Law Extends Discount Period

City taxpayers, accustomed to paying tax bills in June to obtain a two percent discount, have two months longer to qualify for the full discount this year.

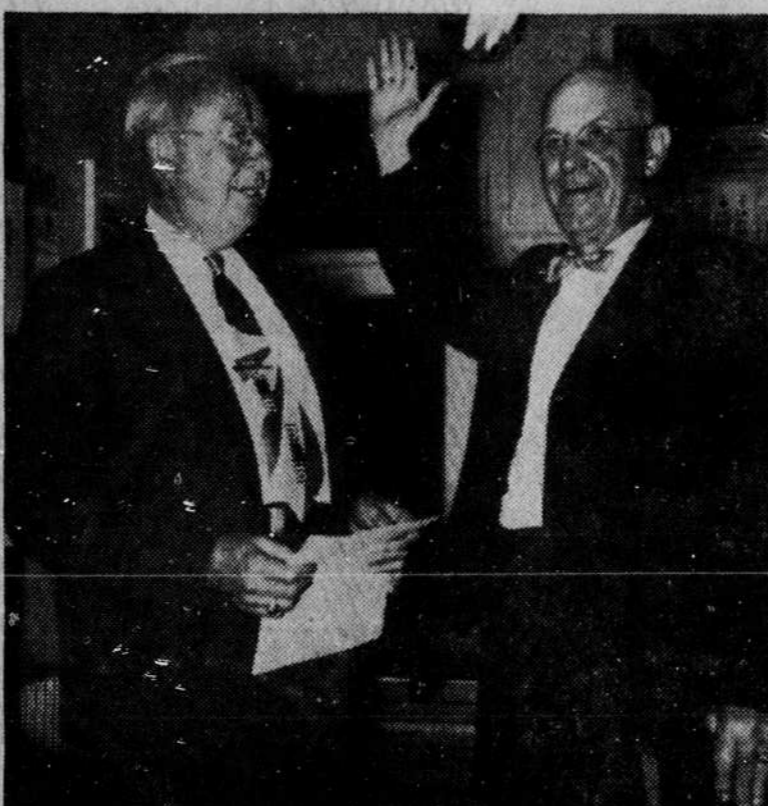
Legislation passed by the 1955 General Assembly, on request of the board of commissioners is responsible for the change. Under the new law, citizens may obtain the full discount of two percent to August 31. The same schedule has been in vogue in the county for several years.

JAYCEE MEETING Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular meeting Tuesday night at 7 o'clock at Masonic hall.

High School Awards 59 Diplomas; Medal Winners Are Announced

Diplomas were received by 59 Kings Mountain Central high school seniors at annual commencement exercises at the school Tuesday evening. Dr. A. C. Reid, Wake Forest college philosophy professor, delivered the graduation address.

Dr. W. L. Pressly delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the high school Sunday evening, with Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., reading the scripture. Invocation was said by Rev. Douglas Fritz, and benediction by Dr. W. P. Gerberding. Rowell Lane, high school principal, introduced Dr. Reid. Rev. A. J. Argo gave the invocation, and benediction was said by Rev. Howard T. Cooke. The audience sang "America, the Beautiful," and the mixed chorus, under the direction of Miss Margaret Cole, presented "You'll Never Walk Alone," as arranged by Rigwald. Presentation of diplomas was made by Principal Rowell Lane, while the class gift, a public address system and spot light, was presented by Peggy Jean Rippey. The following are awards pre-



HAYES EXECUTES OATH — The second Bridges Administration became complete shortly after 10 o'clock last Thursday morning, as Mayor Glee A. Bridges, left, administered the oath of office to O. T. Hayes, Sr., elected to the board of commissioners for Ward 4 in a run-off election on May 24. Other members of the administration had been sworn in on May 12.

Board To Convene Thursday Evening

The board of city commissioners, fully intact for the next two years, will hold its first regular meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at City Hall.

The board has convened briefly twice during the past week, both times for specific matters bearing the "rush" tag. Mayor Glee A. Bridges did not detail particular items on Thursday night's agenda saying it will be "just a regular and routine" session.

Customarily the board formally organizes at the first regular session following the biennial election, including election of a mayor pro tempore. Ward 3 Commissioner T. J. Ellison is the current mayor pro tempore. Several administrations have accorded the duties of the vice-mayor to the commissioner polling the largest number of votes in the election, though the Still administration did not.

Another matter expected to be considered is the election of department heads, routinely re-appointed for 30 days on May 12. Their appointments thus expire on June 12. Indications from the commissioner are that virtually all the department heads will be re-appointed, with the major question mark Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr.

Mr. Bridges did not say whether the commissioners will be named to head particular departments, as has been the practice during the past two years. Several policy matters may be advanced by individual members of the board, but budget work for 1955-56 won't be on the agenda until the July session.

City Clerk Gene Mitcham said department heads are now preparing their budget requests for the coming year.

FAMILY NIGHT Boyce Memorial ARP church will hold family night Monday at 7 p. m., the program beginning a week of Vacation Bible school at the church. A picnic supper will be served.

School Officials Decline Comment On High Court's Segregation Edict

Local school officials declined comment on the Supreme Court ruling of Tuesday in which the high court said segregation in public schools should be ended "as soon as practicable." Both J. H. Grigg, superintendent of county schools, and B. N. Barnes, superintendent of Kings Mountain schools, said they wished to study the Supreme Court edict and to receive official comment from North Carolina school officials. Generally, the attitude of North Carolina officialdom was that the Supreme Court, by not prescribing de-segregation procedures nor setting a specific date

Nine Applicants Undergo Exam For Postmaster

Nine applicants for permanent appointment as Kings Mountain postmaster underwent written civil service examinations Saturday at Gastonia post-office building.

Two additional applicants, Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir and postal employee Lalor Franks, will take the examination on June 11. Mr. Weir and Mr. Franks asked for and were granted a different examination date. Several postoffice employees were taking the examination and it was not possible for all to take the examination on the same day, Mr. Weir said.

Those who underwent the examination last Saturday were Ben F. Cox, Millard Prince, Kenneth Pruitt, Yates Harbison, George Lubanekski, Raeford White, Harold Glass, R. G. Whisnant and Charles Alexander.

George Hord, assistant postmaster, and Bryan Hord, rural carrier, had made application but decided not to undergo the examination.

The examination will have a 50 percent weight in determining appointment of a permanent postmaster here, according to original announcement of the civil service commission.

Mr. Weir became acting postmaster on the retirement of W. E. Blakely.

Gas System Now City Property

The Kings Mountain natural gas distribution system officially became city property last Thursday afternoon.

The board of city commissioners, meeting in special session, formally accepted the system from the contractor, Leo T. Barber, with the proviso that final payment would be made when the city attorney is satisfied that all accounts owed by the contractor, Smith Welding Company, are satisfied.

Engineer Bill Edwards, of Barnard & Burk, estimated the 10 percent construction cost payment withheld is approximately twice the amount owed by Smith. Mayor Glee A. Bridges noted that a \$242,000 performance bond, covering 100 percent of the original contract for the system, will be in force for one year as a guarantee against any defect in the system, due to materials or workmanship.

The complete cost of the system, including changes and additions to the original plans, will approximate \$162,000, the engineers have reported.

The engineers also estimated that Contractor Barber would show a loss of \$20,000 or more on the project, an estimate borne out by Mr. Barber himself several weeks ago. The Barber bid was \$50,000 less than the second low bid of Blythe Brothers.

Homecoming Sunday At El Bethel Church

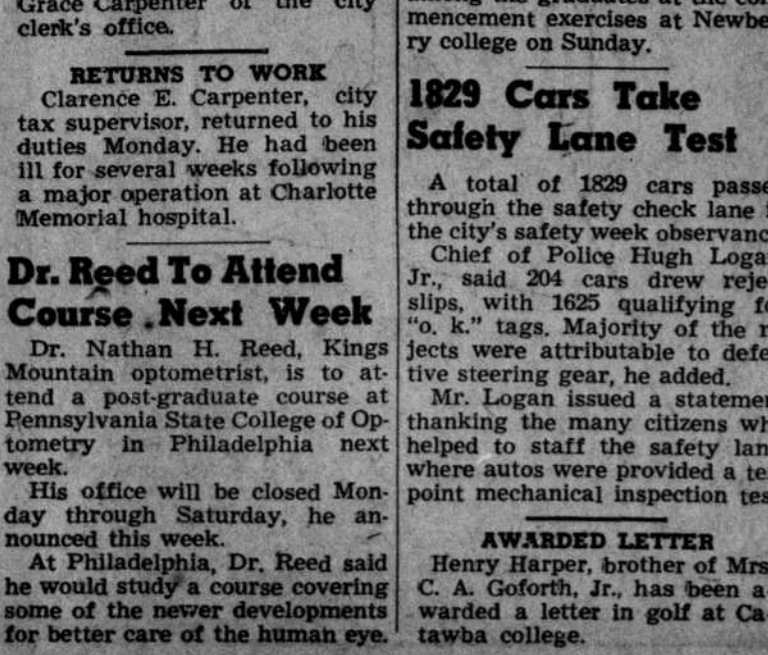
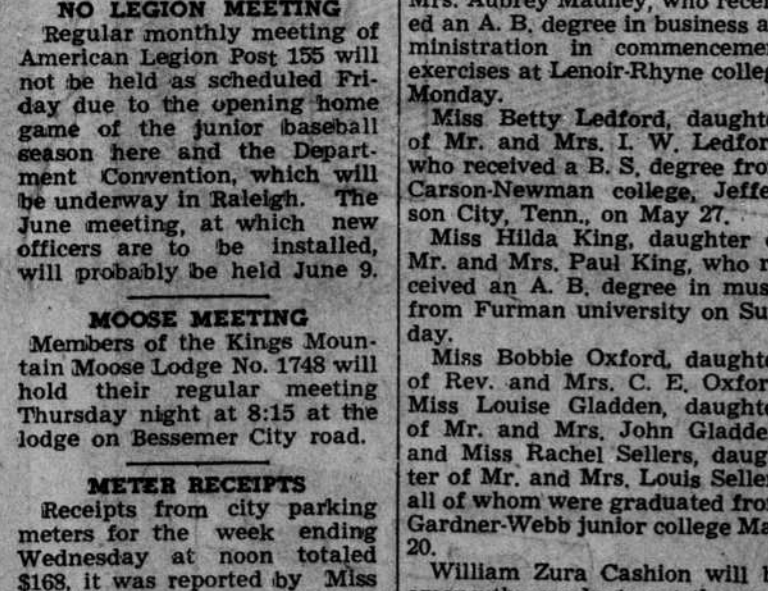
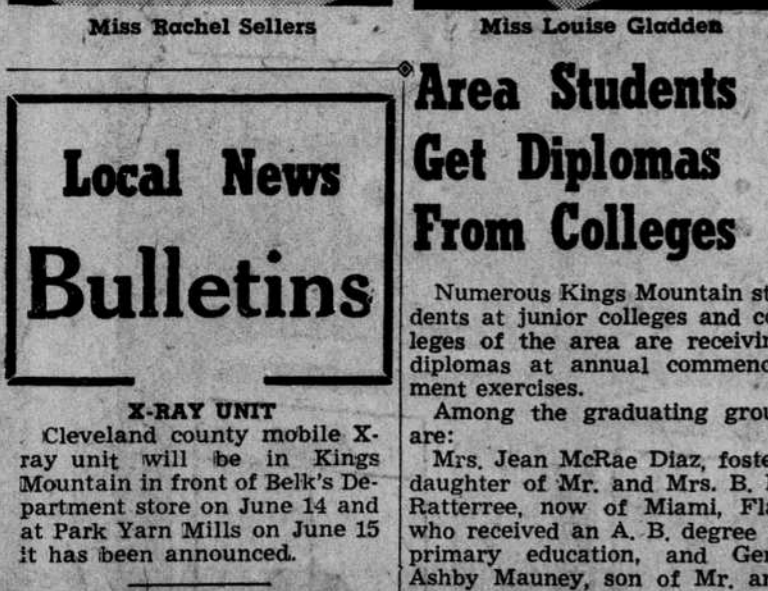
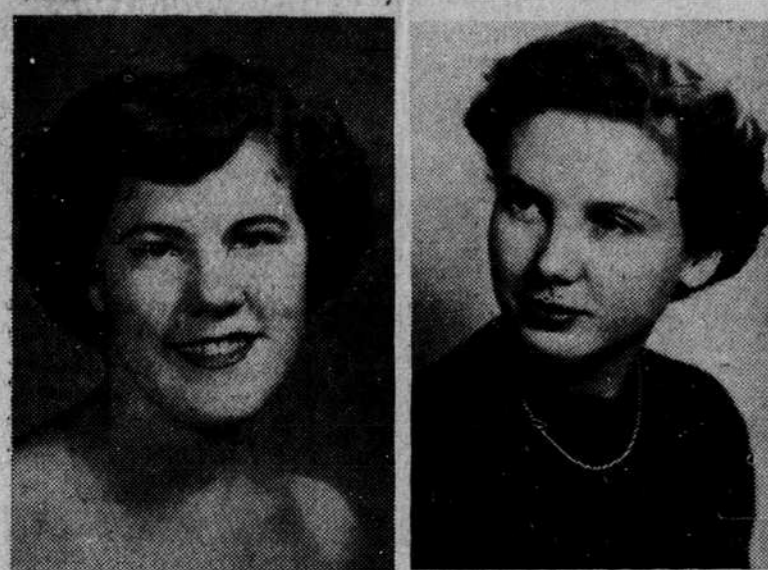
El-Bethel Methodist church will observe homecoming at services Sunday at the church, Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, the pastor, announced.

Rev. R. M. Hauss, of Shelby, a former El-Bethel pastor, will deliver the morning address at 11 o'clock, dinner will be served on the church grounds at 12:30 and Rev. J. G. Allred, of Polkville, will lead the afternoon song service.

1829 Cars Take Safety Lane Test

A total of 1829 cars passed through the safety check lane in the city's safety week observance. Chief of Police Hugh Logan, Jr., said 204 cars drew reject slips, with 1625 qualifying for "o. k." tags. Majority of the rejects were attributable to defective steering gear, he added. Mr. Logan issued a statement thanking the many citizens who helped to staff the safety lane, where autos were provided a ten-point mechanical inspection test.

AWARDED LETTER Henry Harper, brother of Mrs. C. A. Goforth, Jr., has been awarded a letter in golf at Catawba college.



Local News Bulletins

X-RAY UNIT Cleveland county mobile X-ray unit will be in Kings Mountain in front of Bell's Department store on June 14 and at Park Yarn Mills on June 15 it has been announced.

NO LEGION MEETING Regular monthly meeting of American Legion Post 155 will not be held as scheduled Friday due to the opening home game of the junior baseball season here and the Department Convention, which will be underway in Raleigh. The June meeting, at which new officers are to be installed, will probably be held June 9.

MOOSE MEETING Members of the Kings Mountain Moose Lodge No. 1748 will hold their regular meeting Thursday night at 8:15 at the lodge on Bessemer City road.

METER RECEIPTS Receipts from city parking meters for the week ending Wednesday at noon totaled \$168, it was reported by Miss Grace Carpenter of the city clerk's office.

RETURNS TO WORK Clarence E. Carpenter, city tax supervisor, returned to his duties Monday. He had been ill for several weeks following a major operation at Charlotte Memorial hospital.

Dr. Reed To Attend Course Next Week Dr. Nathan H. Reed, Kings Mountain optometrist, is to attend a post-graduate course at Pennsylvania State College of Optometry in Philadelphia next week.

His office will be closed Monday through Saturday, he announced this week. At Philadelphia, Dr. Reed said he would study a course covering some of the newer developments for better care of the human eye.