

City Limits 7,206
The population is from the U. S. Government census report for 1950. The Census Bureau estimates the nation's population gains since 1950 at 1.7 percent per year, which means Kings Mountain's 1954 population should approximate 7600.

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TO TAKE EXAM
Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir and Substitute Clerk Lalou Franks will take the civil service examination for permanent Kings Mountain postmaster at Kings Mountain Saturday. Nine other applicants underwent the examination May 28.

MASONIC MEETING
Regular Communication of Fairview Lodge No. 339 A. F. & A. M. will be held Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the Masonic Lodge, Secretary J. H. McDaniell, Jr., announced.

OFFICE CLOSED
Offices of Dr. L. T. Anderson, chiropractor, will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Mr. Anderson has announced.

COURT OF HONOR
Court of honor for Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts will be held Thursday night at 7:45 at City Hall, it was announced from Piedmont Council headquarters.

FINGERS MOVE HERE
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Finger and children have moved from Cherryville into the residence at 505 W. Mountain street recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McDaniell, Sr.

AT SYNOD
Dr. W. L. Pressly, J. E. Gamble, and W. S. Fulton, Sr., are representing Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church at a meeting of Synod at Bon Clark assembly grounds.

MEDAL WINNER
Dean Bridges was winner of the Kings Mountain high school Davis Declaration medal for 1954-55. Listing of the honor was inadvertently omitted from the list of awards announced at last week's commencement, Supt. B. N. Barnes noted. The medal is given annually by J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney and member of the school board.

BUILDING PERMIT
Wednesday, June 1, Building Inspector J. W. Webster issued a permit to J. Tom Moore to erect a one story building on Battleground avenue, at an estimated cost of \$40,000. The building is to be occupied by A & P Tea Company.

TO ATTEND MEETING
Dr. Blake McWhirter, optometrist, will attend a state optometry meeting Saturday, Monday and Tuesday at Morehead City. Dr. McWhirter announced his office will be closed these days.

RESERVE TOUR
Grady Howard, Marine Corps reserve captain and business manager of Kings Mountain hospital, left Sunday for Parris Island, S. C., for a two-week tour of active duty.

INSTALLATION
New officers of American Legion Post 155 are to be installed at the regular meeting of the group at the Legion Hall Thursday at 8 p. m.

Postal Receipts Dropped in May
Postal receipts at Kings Mountain postoffice were off for May, compared to May 1954.

Gerberding Car Stolen, Recovered
A sixteen-year-old Greenville, S. C., youth, apprehended shortly after stealing a 1954 Dodge owned by Dr. W. P. Gerberding, was turned over to the FBI Wednesday morning and charged with violating the Dyer Act, for transporting a stolen motor vehicle across a state line.

Wednesday City's Brush-Haul Day
Wednesday is the city sanitary department's weekly brush-hauling day.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges reminded citizens to make their yard work and tree-trimming coincide with this schedule and he also asked them to make their cuttings as small as possible to facilitate handling.

City Considering Fee For Sewage Service
Department Heads Retained



TO ENTERTAIN LIONS — Graham Jackson, Atlanta, Ga., entertainer, will feature the program of the Kings Mountain Lions club at its annual ladies night banquet on Tuesday. Jackson is nationally known in the entertainment field as a "one-man floor show."

Lions To Hold Ladies Night Event Tuesday

The Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its annual ladies night banquet on Tuesday evening, with Graham Jackson, nationally known Negro entertainer, to feature the program.

The annual event will be held at the Woman's Club at 7 o'clock. Sam Stallings, chairman of the committee on arrangements, said club members should make reservations for guests not later than 5 p. m. Friday.

The Atlanta, Ga., entertainer, Jackson, was a navy chief petty officer in World War II, and traveled with the late President Roosevelt to Warm Springs and other points. He is described as "the one-man floor show", performing on the accordion, electric organ, piano and other instruments. He has received commendatory reviews from the nation's leading newspapers, musicians and individuals, Ed Sullivan, the television master of ceremonies, said, "You were a big hit with the Yankees," after Jackson had made a New York appearance.

Among out-of-town Lions officials expected to be present are District Governor and Mrs. Jim Farthing, of Lenoir, Zone Chairman and Mrs. Carver Wood, of Shelby, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Caveny, of Shelby. Mr. Caveny is president of the Shelby club. Presidents of other Kings Mountain civic clubs will be special guests as will widows of Lions.

Lions President Jacob Cooper will preside.

Other members of the ladies night committee are H. B. Jackson, T. W. Grayson, Jonas Bridges, and W. K. Mauney, Jr.

Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said Thomas McJunkin, when stopped by Rutherford County police in Spindale Tuesday morning about 4:30 for a routine check, admitted the car he was driving had been stolen earlier in Kings Mountain.

The stolen car later proved to be Dr. Gerberding's and had been stolen by McJunkin around 3 o'clock the same morning from the

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Mayor Bridges Given Full-Time Status By Board

Mayor Glee A. Bridges became a full-time mayor last Thursday night, on unanimous vote of the board of commissioners. It was the first full-dress session of the second Bridges administration and a meeting generally devoid of fireworks, as the commissioners voted to re-employ all department heads, to retain the city attorney and judge of recorder's court, all at same pay.

Ward 5 Commissioner W. G. Grantham was elected unanimously mayor pro tempore.

A larger-than-usual audience was present and Mayor Bridges welcomed them, stating meetings of the board are always open and that any citizen is welcome to attend at any time he wishes.

Principal disagreement occurred when Mayor Bridges suggested the commissioner department appointments for the year, Commissioner O. T. Hayes, Sr., declining to accept appointment as gas commissioner. In turn, Commissioners Ellison and Patterson indicated they wanted no part of the gas job and the board turned to other matters without finally settling the question of which commissioner will accept which department responsibility.

Two changes proposed by Mr. Hayes were made. City Court Solicitor George Thomasson, who has been working on a fee basis, was voted a salary of \$100 monthly and the \$3.50 solicitor's fee was removed from the schedule of court costs. City Judge Jack White is paid \$150 per month.

Mr. Hayes later moved that Assistant City Clerk Joe McDaniell, Jr., be assigned the duties of city purchasing agent, and the motion carried unanimously. Clerk Gene Mitcham noted subsequently that he had the purchasing duties, and Mr. Hayes said he didn't know they had been assigned previously.

Otherwise, principal discussion of the meeting concerned use of City Stadium for pony league baseball and softball. T. C. McKee, aiding with the pony league program, said he had 63 ballplayers with no place to play, and Jaycee spokesman sought use of the ballyard for a late-summer softball tournament. Objections hinged on the fact that the pony leaguers and softballers have different diamond specifications from regular baseball and that the grass infield would be ruined. Mr. McKee's plea was, "Which is more important, the grass or the boys?" and Bill Jonas, Jaycee president, noted that the Jaycees hoped to use proceeds from the proposed softball tourney for building a miniature golf course at the city recreation plant. Also speaking for the Jaycees was K. E. Morrison.

Outcome was appointment of a committee, including Mr. McKee, Commissioner O. T. Hayes, H. Kindred, of the recreation commission, and the mayor to obtain sites for pony league baseball. Board members indicated the city would make the sites usable, Mr. McKee had previously stated he could obtain no answer from the recreation commission, which under current city policy, has jurisdiction over City Stadium. Several commissioners indicated they thought an August softball tournament would be approvable, since football season would open shortly thereafter, of necessity marring the grass.

In other business, the board: 1) Approved a petition for the paving of Brice street, when

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Jaycees Oppose Plan To Abandon County's Mobile X-Ray Operation

The Junior Chamber of Commerce went on record at its regular meeting Tuesday at Masonic Hall as opposing the abandonment of the county's mobile X-Ray unit.

The club, which solicited funds from Kings Mountain area citizens for the purchase of the mobile unit, opposes an effort by the county health department to install the equipment permanently in the new county health center building.

The Shelby club, which also

raised funds in the rest of the county for purchase of the mobile unit, has also gone on record as opposing the move.

George Thomasson, Wilson Griffin and Bill Eldon were named to a committee to secure petitions and resolutions opposing the move.

President Bill Jonas presided at the meeting and committee appointments were read.

Guests were Bob Maner, Jack Moss and Bill Rosenstengal.

Police Roster May Be Trimmed, Talk Indicates

Will Kings Mountain citizens soon be paying a monthly fee for sewage service?

Will the police department roster be cut?

Will the city adopt a fee for removing brush from residences? What firm will audit the city's books for the fiscal year ending June 30?

All of these questions were propounded and left unanswered at last Thursday's board of commissioners meeting.

A monthly sewage fee of \$1, or \$12 per year, almost was adopted and may be yet, but the commissioners didn't indicate they favored a suggestion of Public Works Supt. E. C. Nicholson for a brush-hauling fee. There was little discussion on the police cut-back.

Definitely indicated in the audit discussion was agreement by the commissioners that the only sound audit contract is one based on a per hour cost, rather than a flat fee basis. Also indicated was that Robert H. Cooke, Shelby CPA who audited the city books last year, will not be retained for the upcoming audit. The board heard John Dickenson, of A. M. Pullen & Company, Charlotte, outline objections to a contract audit and an offer from his company to handle the work at \$5 per hour, plus travel expense. Mr. Cooke had written the board he would audit the books for \$893. All members agreed the per hour basis was best, but deferred action when Commissioner Hayes suggested that bids be invited from other firms, including John Eck, Gastonia, and Ernst & Ernst, of Winston-Salem.

The sewer fee and police cut-back possibilities came via Mayor Glee A. Bridges in a report on his recent trip to Chapel Hill for a League of Municipalities meeting.

The Mayor said many cities are now charging a sewer fee (billed monthly with other utilities), and Commissioner Sam Collins quickly made a motion to enact a fee of \$1 per month for city sewage service. Discussion indicated Commissioners Patterson and Grantham were sympathetic to the motion with Commissioners Ellison and Hayes opposed. Finally, Mr. Collins withdrew his motion and Mr. Grantham's substitute to table carried.

The Mayor told the board that North Carolina cities under 10,000 population maintain a police force, on the average, of 1.5 policemen per 1,000 population. If Kings Mountain follows the formula, he added, it would provide 10.5 policemen, compared to the 14.5 policemen now employed. (A part-time Negro policeman is employed on weekends to work with full-time officer Laymon Cornwell.)

The questions will be upcoming at future board meetings, as the budget adopting deadline approaches. Tentative plans call for submission of the budget to the board on July 7, with final adoption required not later than July 28, City Clerk Gene Mitcham said.

Four Received College Degrees

Four area students received college degrees in commencement exercises last week.

Miss Nancy Nickels, daughter of Mrs. J. C. Nickels, received the master of arts degree in education from George Peabody Teacher's college, Nashville, Tenn., on last Friday. She received her A. B. degree in education from Woman's college, Greensboro.

Miss Barbara Ann Grantham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Grantham, received a bachelor of music degree from Westminster Choir college, Princeton, New Jersey. She was a member of the symphonic choir for two years and a member of the Wesley Foundation.

Donald Preston Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Patterson, received a bachelor of science degree in business and art education from Western Carolina college, Cullowhee, where he was a member of the Methodist choir, a class officer, president of Alpha Phi Sigma, a member of the Fine Arts and Industrial club, on the Catamount staff, a drum major, and winner of the college's best citizen plaque. He has accepted a position as city schools art instructor in Washington, N. C., for the coming term.

William Zura (Bill) Cashlon, husband of Mrs. Joyce Falls Cashlon, was awarded the bachelor of arts degree at commencement exercises at Newberry college, Newberry, S. C., on Sunday.

RETURN HOME
First Lieutenant J. C. Bridges Air Corps reservist and Kings Mountain hardwareman, returned Sunday from a two-week tour of active duty at Pope Air Force base, Maxton.



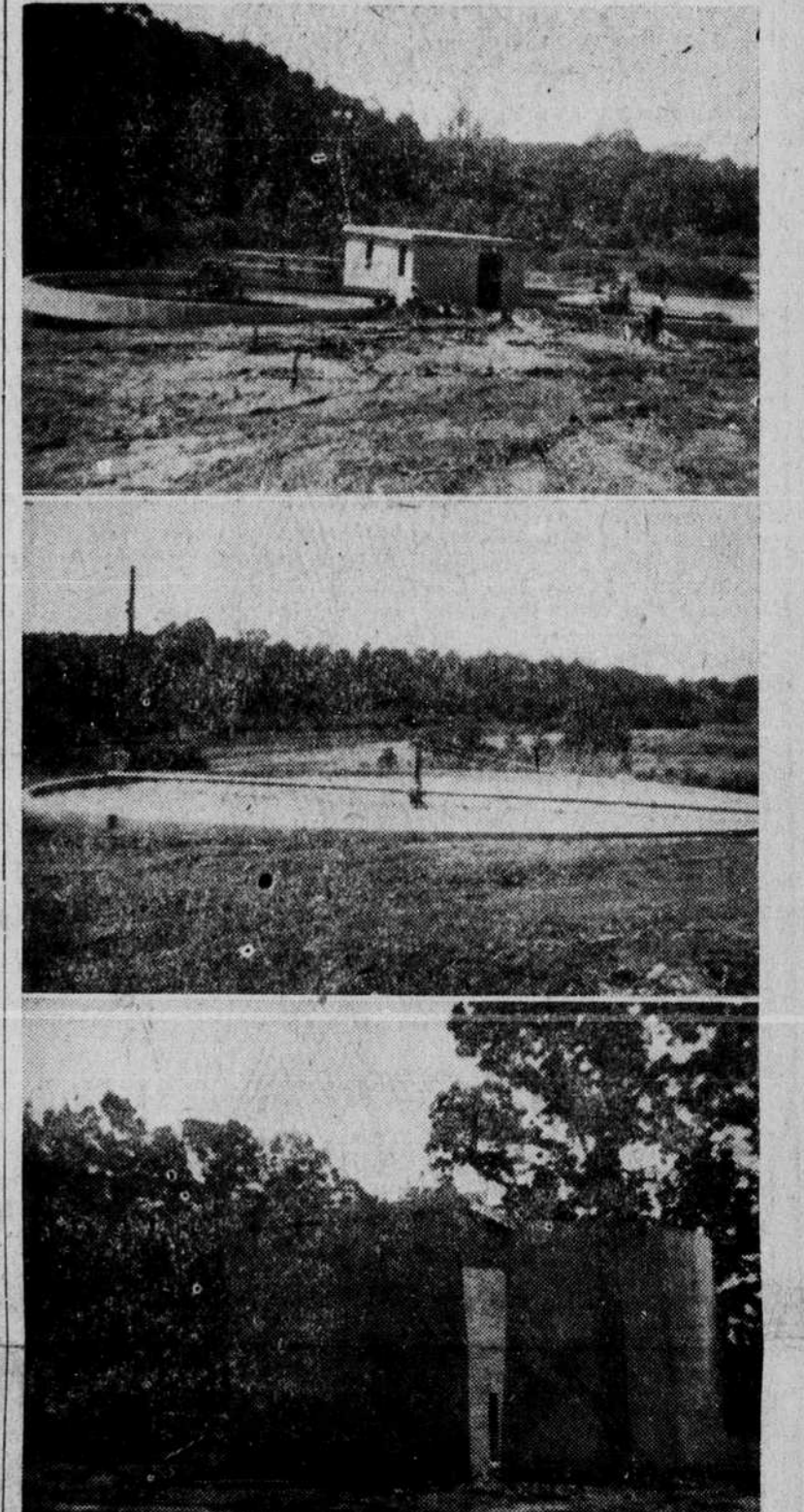
Donald Patterson



Miss Barbara Ann Grantham



William Z. Cashlon



NEW SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT — Pictured are three units of the new city sewage disposal and treatment plant on McGill creek, now completed and ready for formal acceptance by the city. Top photo shows the settling basin the raw sewage first enters. Second picture is a revolving purification plant, step two in the purifying process, while bottom photo shows the sludge basin. The sludge moves to drying beds and the purified water flows downstream. When the sludge dries, it is ready for hauling away and has a value as commercial fertilizer. (Herald photo by Lafaye Meacham.)

Deal Street Pool May Open Friday

The shiny new Deal street swimming pool may open for customers this weekend, probably Friday, City Recreation Director Doug Salley said Wednesday.

The Negro pool off Watterson street is not quite completed, but should be ready for swimmers next week, he added.

Actual opening of the pools depends somewhat on the weather, and Wednesday's rain was no help to the pool staff in getting ready for business.

Mr. Salley said swimming fees will be 15 cents for children and 35 cents for adults, the same schedule of fees prevailing in nearby cities. He said the pools will be open daily, Monday through Saturday, from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., from 1:30 to 6 p. m., and from 7 to 9 p. m. The pools will also be open on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 6 o'clock.

The pool operations will be under direct supervision of I. Ben Goforth, Jr., city schools faculty

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Bridges Announces Mayoral Schedule

Mayor Glee A. Bridges assumed full-time duties Monday, following last week's board action.

The Mayor said he would maintain a tentative office hour schedule at City Hall as follows: from 9 a. m. to noon, and from 1 to 4 p. m., except Saturdays. The Saturday schedule will be 9 to noon.

"Of course, I'm available 24 hours a day, if needed," the Mayor added.

Schools Gain Two Teachers

Kings Mountain city schools have been allotted two additional state-paid teachers over last year's number, B. N. Barnes, superintendent, reported this week.

The new allotment lists 62 white teachers and principals and eight Negro teachers and one principal, making a total of 71. One white elementary and one Negro elementary teacher was gained over last year's figure.

The state failed to allot a supervisor, with a new law requiring a system to have 75 state-paid teachers to qualify, an increase of perhaps 25 over the regulation in effect last year. Mr. Barnes, however, said that he has contacted state school officials and is in process of working out an agreement with the county whereby Kings Mountain can retain its supervisor. Miss Alice Averitt has filled this position the past four years.

Kings Mountain Takes Top Place In Charlotte Area Blood Program

Kings Mountain's blood-giving record for the past eleven months topped all cities in the Charlotte Red Cross area.

Kings Mountain area citizens gave 653 pints of blood, against a 500-pint quota, during four visits of the Red Cross bloodmobile, or 130.6 percent of the quota. Kings Mountain topped High Point, in second place, with 123.2 percent of its quota.

The figures were revealed Wednesday morning at a meeting of Red Cross officials here, when

Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, was named chairman of the local chapter's disaster relief committee. He will succeed Ben H. Goforth, Jr.

Dr. P. G. Padgett is blood program chairman and Grady Howard is donor recruitment chairman.

Meeting with Red Cross officials here were Miss Antoinette Beasley, field representative, and Miss Sallie Barrett, of the southeastern area staff, Atlanta, Ga.