

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 7,600. The trading area population in 1945, based on ration board registrations at the Kings Mountain office, was 15,000.

Local News Bulletins

HOMECOMING

Love Valley Baptist church will hold homecoming services with dinner and an afternoon program of singing Sunday, it was announced by Rev. Earl M. Redding, pastor. The church is located near the former Dixon school on route two.

ATTEND SYNOD

Rev. P. D. Patrick and C. D. Blanton will attend a two day meeting of the Synod at Barium Springs Orphanage next Tuesday and Wednesday.

AT CONVENTION

W. A. Childers attended a convention of Carolinas Roofing, Heating, and Sheet Metal worker's in session June 30-July 3 at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

LEGION MEETING

Regular July meeting of American Legion Post 155 will be held at the Legion Hall Friday at 8 p. m. according to announcement by W. D. (Red) Morrison, commander.

TO CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harmon will leave Thursday for Winston-Salem, where they will attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Press association.

HARRIS BETTER

Ollie Harris, Jr., hospitalized since last Friday with a throat infection at Kings Mountain hospital, was reported improved Wednesday and expected to return Thursday to Columbia, S. C., where he is enrolled in summer school.

NO TYPING CLASS

The city schools will not be able to offer a summer course in typing, Supt. B. N. Barnes said yesterday, due to insufficient registrations. Mr. Barnes said an effort to organize a class in the fall, perhaps to be taught at night, may be made.

GOFORTHS MOVE

Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Goforth, Jr., have occupied their newly completed home on Shelby road.

IN NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goter and family moved last Friday into their new home on Hillside Drive in Crescent Hill. The Goters formerly resided at Mauney Apartments on W. Mountain street.

KIWANIS MEETING

Kings Mountain Kiwanis club will hold their regularly weekly meeting with a Barbecue supper at the picnic grounds at Lake Montonia Thursday night at 7 o'clock. Wives and guests are invited to the Barbecue.

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 \$160.21, Miss Grace Carpenter, of city clerk's office, reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid Leave For Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Kincaid left Wednesday for New York, prior to leaving Monday for a European tour.

The Kincaids will travel via Royal Sabena Airlines, to Manchester, England, and will spend several days touring Scotland and England before going to Holland, Germany, Switzerland and France.

Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid expect to arrive on the return flight to New York on July 28.

June Postal Receipts Show Big Increase

Receipts during June at Kings Mountain postoffice showed a healthy increase over last June, and the added total almost wiped out lower figures for other months during the second quarter.

Acting Postmaster W. T. Weir said June receipts totaled \$5,794.29, or \$832.83 more than the total for June 1954.

Quarterly totals showed the second quarter of 1954 receipts slightly ahead, with \$14,053.66, compared to \$13,779.48 for the three months ending last Thursday.

Crawford, Gantt To Build Homes

Partners Plan 34-House Project On N. Watterson

Wilson Crawford and W. M. Gantt, Kings Mountain businessmen, expect to build a 34-house residential development on N. Watterson street within the next 12 months, the partners told the city board of commissioners last Thursday morning.

Mr. Crawford made the statement to the commissioners in the course of a request by him and Mr. Gantt for utilities service. He said ten houses for resale to private owners will be built "at once" and that the others will be built as demand develops, which he anticipated would be within the year. He said the partners have completed a agreement to purchase property from W. A. Williams on the east side of Watterson street.

After considerable discussion, the commissioners voted unanimously to furnish water, sewage, electrical and natural gas service on Watterson street immediately and to other streets in the proposed development as the houses are constructed. The board also entered into an agreement on street paving with Mr. Crawford and Mr. Gantt, where by the partnership will pave the streets, with the city to reimburse the partnership its one-third pro rata share of the cost within two years.

Mr. Crawford had explained that the development would be FMA-financed and that proof of availability of facilities is required before final approval of financing could be obtained from FHA. The board action on utilities and on the paving agreement was made on motion of Commissioner J. H. Patterson, with Commissioner O. T. Hayes, Sr., seconding.

Objections on grounds of availability of funds for the city services, Mr. Crawford told the board, "the city is trying to grow, the first time I can remember, and I've lived here all my life. It's up to you gentlemen to decide whether this potential growth will be pushed forward or held back."

He noted that the development would add a sizeable total to the tax valuation of the city, and would add customers for both power and natural gas, two city profit-making functions.

Pleading lack of available funds, Mayor Glee Bridges first suggested that the city agree only to furnish services for Watterson street, but Mr. Crawford said this portion would serve only five houses, with eight "already spoken for". The Mayor also noted a dirt-filling problem is involved, and Mr. Gantt said the partners would supply the engineering to determine the requirements.

Gas Tap Fee \$30 For 60-Foot Line

The city board of commissioners has set a minimum gas tap fee of \$30, three times the "bargain" tap fee charged during the construction of the natural gas distribution system, but considerably less than the indicated tap fee of \$55 to \$75.

The fee set by the board on unanimous action is \$30 for service up to 60 feet, plus a half-dollar for each additional foot required.

Gas Supt. Vincent Beachum said departmental experience indicated \$30 would cover cost of a 60-foot installation.

Carroll Youth Hit By Racer

Harold Carroll, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Carroll, Benfield rd., Cora Mill, was critically injured Monday afternoon when struck by a race car at Gaffney, S. C.

Young Carroll was attending the Fourth of July stock car races with his two brothers, Gene and Kirk Carroll, who were participating in the races. His father reported that the car which struck the boy ran off the track into a crowd of racers in the infield who were preparing their cars for the next races. Carroll and his brothers were working on the Carroll vehicle, it was reported, and the youth had gone after water for the car when the accident occurred.

The youth was struck by a No. 5 car driven by a Kannapolis man. No charges were preferred. Carroll is a patient in Cherokee County, S. C., hospital where he is receiving treatment for a fractured skull, a broken leg, and left lung injuries. His condition is slightly improved.

Footo To Appeal NLRB Decision

Footo Mineral Company will appeal to United States district court an order by the National Labor Relations board to reemploy Robert P. Martin, discharged last summer.

The NLRB last week upheld an order previously issued on findings of Trial Examiner John H. Eadie, following a hearing in Gastonia last November. Mr. Eadie had ruled that Martin was fired last August 5 because of his membership in and activities on behalf of the United States Steelworkers of America (CIO).

Jim Castle, Footo's general manager here, said his company will appeal the decision to federal court.

County To Resume Anti-Polio Shots

Cleveland County health office expects to resume Salk anti-polio vaccinations as soon as more vaccine is obtained, Mrs. Elizabeth Scruggs, of the health department, said Wednesday.

Mrs. Scruggs said Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Cleveland County health officer, was advised this week by Dr. J. W. R. Norton, state board of health, that release of the vaccine is expected within 30 days.

Willie Ramsey Funeral Rites Are Conducted

Funeral services for Willie Anthony Ramsey, 52, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from First Baptist church, with interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Ramsey, Bessemer City textile employee and former owner of Bonnie Mill Store, died en route to Kings Mountain hospital Monday afternoon after wounding himself in the right side of the chest with a .32-caliber pistol.

Coroner J. Ollie Harris, after an investigation, ruled the death a suicide and said no inquest would be necessary. He was aided in the investigation by Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr., and Officer Paul Saunders.

The shooting occurred about 4:45 p. m. in the bedroom of the Ramsey residence on Maple street. Two children, Delbert Ramsey and Mrs. Shirley Bell, and a neighbor, Mrs. Robert Ware, were in the kitchen at the time. The victim was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Coroner Harris said members of his family told him Mr. Ramsey had previously threatened suicide.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Onice Falls Ramsey, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsey, Washington, D. C.; three sons, Dean, Delbert and Billy Gene Ramsey, all of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Bell, of Kings Mountain; a brother, Burel Ramsey, Silver Springs, Md.; four sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Adams, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Harvy Mangum, Clarksville, Ga., Miss Irene Ramsey, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Lucille Wright, Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Paul Johnson, educational director of First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Yancey Carter.

Littlejohn Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Charles H. Littlejohn, 67, were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from Temple Baptist church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Littlejohn died Saturday night at 11 p. m. in a Johnson City, Tenn., veteran's hospital following an illness of seven years. A native of Cherokee County, S. C., he was a former mail carrier. He was a member of Temple Baptist church and a World War I veteran, serving as a private first class in an army medical division.

Surviving are three sons, Charles Littlejohn, Denver, Colo., John Littlejohn, Charlotte, and Bobby Littlejohn, Kings Mountain, four daughters, Miss Betty Littlejohn, Charlotte, Mrs. Nell Stacey, Mrs. Peggy Fraley, and Miss Mary Littlejohn, all of Kings Mountain, and four grandchildren.

Members of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, served as active pallbearers.

June Employment Figure Constant

Employment in Kings Mountain remained relatively constant in June, with a slight drop-off in total claims for unemployment compensation, regarded as a major barometer of economic well-being.

Franklin Ware, manager of the North Carolina Employment Service branch office, said his office received a total of 1248 claims for jobs pay during the four weeks ending June 25, or an average of 312 per week.

Meantime, the employment service received 85 requests to fill vacancies, and was able to supply workers for 61 of these jobs. The employment service received 98 job applications during the month.

Mr. Ware said demand for textile and construction employees remained constant during the month, with the only noticeable drop-off in demand for domestic workers. He noted this is not uncommon during summer months.

Air-Conditioning Work Proceeding

Installation of air-conditioning units at Kings Mountain hospital is underway and the cut-on should be ready by next week, Business Manager Grady Howard said Wednesday.

L. A. Hoke, Kings Mountain electrical contractor, was low bidder on the wiring contract.

Yelton Named Public Works Chief; Board Meets Thursday

Brush Removal Service Of City To Be Continued

The city board of commissioners voted last Thursday to employ Grady Yelton, Kings Mountain citizen, as superintendent of public works, delayed action on cutting the police department roster, and failed to discontinue its brush-removal service.

Commissioners W. G. Grantham, O. T. Hayes, Sr., and T. J. Ellison objected to suspension of the brush-hauling service, but agreed that the city sanitary department should not be expected to remove large trees nor debris from lot-cleaning preparatory to new construction. The board indicated that shrub trimmings and small brush would still be removed from residences, with Wednesdays designated as the day for this particular job. Mayor Bridges had indicated suspension of the service, on the grounds the city couldn't afford the cost of twice-weekly garbage collections, plus brush-removal service.

The police department cut-back was tabled for action at Thursday night's regular meeting. Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., is to make recommendation on lay-off of three to conform with budget parings. Final action will be taken by the commissioners.

Mr. Yelton, currently employed by J. D. Lowder construction company, was employed at a salary of \$350 per month, same amount paid his predecessor, E. C. Nicholson. He is expected to assume the duties about August 1. Only other applicant for the position was B. O. Weaver.

The board also finally adopted, with two amendments and subject to approval of its engineers, the 1955-56 gas department budget, previously adopted tentatively. The changes included addition of a \$1,000 expense item for portion of salary of J. W. Webster, who devotes a part of his time to gas department work, and upping of the labor appropriation from \$2400 to \$4000. Vincent Beachum, gas superintendent, explained that the \$2400 would cover less than the amount required for one man. Two are currently employed. Mr. Beachum said both would be required with the beginning of cold weather.

In a technical action, the board adopted an "interim" budget to provide operating funds until the 1955-56 budget is adopted finally. The action provides that prior year appropriations will limit expenditures until the new budget is enacted.

The board confirmed a long public improvements assessment scroll totaling more than \$11,000. Only one protestant appeared for the formal hearing, J. P. Lackey stating that work fronting Lackey property on Rameur street had been done without his prior knowledge. He questioned whether the original petition covered a majority of the property. Mayor Bridges said it did.

In other actions the board: 1) Approved advertising for bids for sale of the enclosed garbage truck the city has used for several years, but delayed action on a proposal to get a new bed for a city dump truck at net cost.

Betty Vance Wins Scholarship

At the commencement exercises at Meredith College, Raleigh North Carolina, Miss Betty Vance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb B. Vance of Macon, Ga., and granddaughter of Mrs. Richard F. Elam and the late Mr. Elam of Kings Mountain, was awarded the Ida Poteat Scholarship given each year by the Meredith Alumnae Association to the most outstanding member of the rising senior class.

It was the first time the award has been given to a daughter of a Meredith graduate. Mrs. Vance is the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Elam of Kings Mountain.

Miss Vance is a member of Kappa Nu Sigma, scholastic honor society; Silver Shield, honorary leadership society; and is president of the student body and Student Government Council for next year. During the summer she is serving as waterfront director at Sky Ranch, summer camp for physically handicapped children at Blowing Rock.



OPENING NIGHT NEAR FOR BATTLE DRAMA — In modern dress of Bermuda shorts and long plaid socks, Cynthia Platt resembles a Bonnie lass from Scotland, out of the Revolutionary era, as she is pictured at the ticket booth of Kings Mountain National Military Park amphitheatre, where the outdoor historical drama "Sword of Gideon" will open for a 15-performance season on the night of July 14. The drama, commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, is staged and produced by Kings Mountain Little Theatre. (Photo by Harley Ferguson.)

Cast Is Announced For Battle Drama

New Performers, Veterans Listed For 1955 Roles

The cast of "The Sword of Gideon" this summer contains a number of familiar faces blended with a group of newcomers to the National Military Park Amphitheatre.

Appearing in the drama based on the famous Battle of Kings Mountain will be a group of seasoned veterans who are repeating roles, in some instances, for the fourth or fifth season, a few newcomers to the world of outdoor drama, and a group of college dramatic students. As in years past, the cast comes from many communities in this area, yet director Dan Bly stated that this season a larger number of Kings Mountain citizens will appear in leading roles.

Local actors repeating characterizations from previous years are: Susan Moss, playing the female lead, Sally, for the second year; Meek Carpenter, a five-year veteran of the project, and this year serving as the drama's general manager as well; Dr. Phillip Padgett, now in his fourth year.

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City To Return To Metal Car Tag

Kings Mountain motorists will get an old-fashioned city auto tag for their dollar in 1956.

The board of commissioners voted unanimously last Thursday morning to return to the strip metal tag used until 1954, when the city switched to decal-type window stickers.

The city expects to obtain its single tags from the North Carolina prison department and will order it in colors to harmonize with North Carolina's 1956 auto tag.

Imperial Theatre To Reopen Thursday

The Imperial Theatre, after being closed for several weeks for remodeling will re-open Thursday for business. Claude Webb, manager of the theatre, announced.

The theatre, Mr. Webb said, will operate temporarily on a week-end schedule, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays. In several weeks, after remodeling of the building has been completed, a full schedule will be resumed, Mr. Webb said.

Police Roster Paring, Reports On City Agenda

The city board of commissioners will convene again Thursday night at 8 o'clock for the regular monthly session, with one of the principal items on the agenda the prospective paring of the police department roster to eleven.

The matter was tabled at last Thursday's special meeting of the commissioners.

Last Friday Mrs. Juanita Falls, desk sergeant on the day shift, was discharged. Chief Hugh Logan said Mrs. Falls was asked to resign, but declined.

Two policemen thus face discharge Thursday night, but the identity of the two could not be learned from Chief Logan, who will be asked to recommend the two men for discharge, nor from the five city commissioners, who will accept or reject the Logan recommendation.

Commissioner W. G. Grantham said he would support the Logan recommendation, though he didn't know what the recommendation would be. Mr. Grantham said he felt it poor administrative policy to over-ride decisions of department heads.

The paring could be avoided only by changes in the 1955-56 budget which has been tentatively adopted with a police department appropriation providing for 11 officers, including the chief.

"Will the budget be discussed further Thursday night," Mayor Bridges was asked. He said he doubted it would be.

Mayor Bridges said the remainder of the agenda for the meeting appeared routine, as of Wednesday morning.

At the monthly meeting, the board customarily approves minutes of previous special meetings held during the month, receives monthly reports from department heads, and other related business.

Tabled last week was suggestion by Chief Logan for installation of a traffic signal at the corner of Piedmont avenue and Linwood road.

Eanes Resigning Church Position

Thomas Eanes, minister of music at First Presbyterian church, has accepted a position with First Methodist church, Houston, Texas, and will complete his duties here next week.

Mr. Eanes will give an organ recital at morning church services Sunday at 11 o'clock. He joined the Kings Mountain church staff last September, succeeding Franklin Pethel.

A graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., Mr. Eanes attended the Chaplain's School of William and Mary College, Virginia, while serving in the navy for two years, and studied one summer at Union Seminary School of Sacred Music, New York. He has worked as a vocal coach and accompanist for singers of opera and oratorio and spent six seasons as coach and assistant conductor of the opera company at Chautauqua, New York.

Rites Conducted For Mr. Layton

Funeral rites for James (Wash) Layton, 64, were conducted Tuesday at 4 p. m. from St. Matthew's Lutheran church, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Layton died Sunday at 4 p. m. at his home at 404 Wilson street of a heart condition. He had been ill for three months. A native of Rutherford county he had lived in Kings Mountain almost all his life.

He was a former employee of Bonnie Mills and was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hattie Randall Layton, stepmother, Mrs. Minnie Layton, of Rutherfordton, one son, James G. (Red) Layton, of Kings Mountain, two step-brothers, three step-sisters, and four grandchildren.

Rev. R. D. Fritz conducted the final rites.

Pallbearers were Roy Howard, Herschel Elgin, T. C. McKee, William Cashion, Ray Cline, and Gus Kiser.

Kings Mountain's 1954 Tax Bill 89.75 Percent Paid At Year-End

Kings Mountain citizens paid 89.75 percent of their gross 1954 tax bill during the fiscal year ended June 30. City Tax Supervisor Clarence E. Carpenter said yesterday.

Noting that the final figures are subject to re-checking, Mr. Carpenter said preliminary totals show total payments during the year of \$147,648.06 against the gross levy of \$164,510.08. The total levy includes the \$2 poll tax.

In addition, the tax office gave receipts for \$6,207.83 in taxes for 1953 and other prior years.

Mr. Carpenter's report shows that \$16,862.06 remains uncollected from the 1954 levy.

He reminded taxpayers that due to unpaid 1954 taxes will begin in August and said letters will be mailed soon to persons who have not paid personal property taxes informing them that the properties are subject to lien for taxes and/or that their wages are subject to garnishment for the delinquent taxes on personal property.